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OIC hails Amir's proposal on economic co-operation

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 4. (KUNA): Islamic foreign ministers hailed today a proposal by H.E. the Amir of Kuwait on closer co-operation between rich and poor countries and easing economic hardships in developing countries.

A communique of the co-ordinating meeting of foreign ministers of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) said "the meeting took note with satisfaction" of the three-point proposal contained in an address before the UN General Assembly last Wednesday by the Amir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah.

The OIC meeting took place last Thursday but the document was issued today only. The Amir's proposal calls for the waiver of interest due on all loans, reconsideration by international financial institutions of their stringent conditions for development aid, and the expansion and regulation of scientific and technical aid from wealthier to poorer countries.

Support
"The meeting expressed its full support for the proposal and considered it as an important and positive contribution to improve the situation of the debtor nations," the communique said.

On the situation in the Arabian Gulf, the meeting expressed relief and satisfaction at the ceasefire between Iraq and Iran and expressed hope that the UN sponsored talks for the full implementation of Resolution 598 and a comprehensive settlement would be successful and enable both sides "to turn their energies toward the urgent and gigantic task of the reconstruction of their economies which had been ravaged by the war."

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Sabah reviews Gulf situation in talks with Shultz

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 4. (KUNA): Kuwait's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed met yesterday with US Secretary of State George P. Shultz to discuss the situation in the Arabian Gulf and the Middle East peace process, State Department spokesman Charles Redman said yesterday.

Redman told reporters after meetings between Shultz and a number of Arab foreign ministers, the meeting with Sheikh Sabah involved a review of the situation in the Gulf.

"We have a very good record of co-operation with Kuwait, and both sides expressed continued resolve to continue that kind of co-operation. It's paid off, it's worked," he said.

Encourage
The United States and Kuwait encourage both Iraq and Iran to implement Resolution 598 to bring this matter to a conclusion, Redman said.

Shultz and Sheikh Sabah also discussed the peace process and the refugee problem in Afghanistan, he said.

Shultz also met with Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammad Bin Mubarak Al Khalifa of Bahrain, a country with which the United States and Kuwait

Redman said the US has a "very good relationship."

"It's been working very well, and both sides expressed their satisfaction with it and want this co-operation to continue in the region," he said.

During a working breakfast meeting with Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel Meguid, Shultz discussed the Middle East peace process and recent developments and contacts both men have had.

Satisfaction
In the meeting with Jordanian Foreign Minister Taher Al Masi, the two subjects were the peace process and Lebanon, Redman said.

Discussing the meeting with Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal, Redman said Shultz expressed his government's satisfaction over Saudi Arabia's decision yesterday to join the 136 other states that have signed the Nuclear non-proliferation Treaty (NPT).

The official statement made by Shultz reads as follows: "The United States is

extremely pleased that Saudi Arabia has joined the community of nations embraced by the treaty.

"With its accession to the treaty today, Saudi Arabia is strengthening the global non-proliferation regime and demonstrating its peaceful intentions in the region."

"We welcome Saudi Arabia's decision to accede to the NPT and hope that all states which have not yet joined will decide to do so."

Asked if the US is exerting any pressure on Israel, the only state in the region that has not acceded to the NPT, Redman said the position by the US is universal.

Declined
Regarding the meeting with Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz, Redman said the two major subjects were the current talks aimed at implementing Resolution 598 and the question of chemical weapons.

Redman declined to discuss the report presented by Aziz, saying the US is not the mediator and will leave it to the United Nations and the two parties to come forward with their interpretation of the talks.

But he said the US supports the move.

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Shultz (left) greets Tariq Aziz prior to their meeting at the UN. (Reuters wirephoto)

Cut stake in BP, UK tells Kuwait

KUWAIT, Oct. 4. (Agencies): Kuwait, one of the world's largest investors, is likely to review its British investment strategy after Britain's shock demand that it sell more than half its shares in British Petroleum Co. PLC, bankers said today.

The move could also lead the Kuwait-based Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA) to exert more control over its semi-autonomous London-based European arm, the Kuwait Investment Office (KIO), they added.

KIO built up a 21.6 per cent stake in BP, Britain's largest firm and the world's third largest oil giant, in a swoop on world stock markets following last October's crash.

Shock
But after an investigation by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC) found a conflict of interest, Britain today gave KIO one year to cut its holding to 9.9 per cent.

"Kuwait's initial reaction is to be extremely dissatisfied with the way in which the MMC has reached its conclusions," KIO said in London.

Reassessed
KIA was not immediately available for comment, but bankers and economists in Kuwait said the decision came as a shock.

Kuwait, a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), has repeatedly denied it intended to sway BP policy, calling the investment purely financial.

The BP stake, worth some £3 billion (\$5.09 billion), was the largest single overseas equity investment ever by Kuwait, which commands an international portfolio worth some \$80 billion.

KIO's assumption that British equity was entirely open to foreign investment would have to be reassessed. "This will shake the KIO's confidence in the British market and force a reappraisal," said one senior banker.

British press reports put the KIO's holding at 21.6 per cent.

The Kuwaiti government issued a statement through its London law firm rebutting "speculation that the government of Kuwait will operate against the public interest when the Kuwaitis have always said they wouldn't."

Welcomed
British Petroleum chairman Sir Peter Walters welcomed the decision, saying it removed "the uncertainty which has been such a negative factor for BP."

The Monopolies Commission said it carefully considered the Kuwait Investment Office's unsolicited move in August to sign legally binding documents pledging to limit its BP stake to 21.6 per cent and to exercise voting rights only in relation to 14.9 per cent of the holding.

The Kuwait office also pledged not to use the holding to "further any other commercial or political interest of Kuwait."

The commission decided those commitments would not remove the office's ability to influence BP's policies and "the overall size of the shareholding would continue to give cause for concern."

Singh handed over to US envoy

There is no substitute for freedom, says released hostage

DAMASCUS, Oct. 4. (AP): Indian professor Mithileshwar Singh, released after 20 months as a hostage in Lebanon, said today that he was treated well but that "there is no substitute for freedom."

Singh was reunited with his wife at the American embassy this afternoon and a special US Air Force plane landed in Damascus to take him to an American military hospital in Wiesbaden, West Germany for a complete checkup.

He will then continue to Washington, US officials in Damascus said. A Syrian doctor checked Singh this afternoon and pronounced him fit for travel.

Singh, a 61-year-old resident alien of the United States, was freed in Beirut last night and driven to Damascus by Syrian Army officers, then turned over to the US government before reuniting with his wife, Lalmani.

Obtain
In New Delhi, a spokesman for the Foreign Ministry said the Indian government had worked to obtain Singh's release.

"We've been in touch with groups in Beirut, with the Syrian government, with all sorts of people," said the spokesman, speaking anonymously in line with government briefing rules. "The efforts of the Indian gov-

ernment finally bore fruit."

The spokesman said Singh was released to the American ambassador "because of the confusion that still existed" in the Middle East about Singh's nationality.

India has maintained he was kidnapped because his abductors thought he was an American. An American official in Damascus said earlier the US decided to accept custody because Singh had applied for American citizenship before being abducted.

Singh, a finance professor at Beirut University College, was taken hostage on Jan. 24, 1987 along with three American professors.

Singh expressed regret today that the Americans were not released with him, saying he felt "wonderful. Thank God I'm free. But I'm very sorry that my colleagues and friends are still in captivity. I hope they'll be free soon."

He spoke at the Syrian Foreign Ministry after Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Nasser Qadour officially turned him over to US Ambassador Edward Djerjian.

Missing
Singh, clean-shaven and dressed in a grey suit, was brought into the Foreign Ministry in Damascus through a back door at about 11 am (0800 GMT). After a brief chat with Djerjian, he appeared before dozens of reporters.

He said the three Americans who were kidnapped with him on Jan. 24 last year were the only foreign hostages he saw in captivity. Thirteen other foreigners are missing in Lebanon.

Also present at the ceremony was Indian Charge d'Affaires B. Balakrishnan. The hostage, who had lived most of his life in the United States, drove off with Djerjian to the ambassador's residence.

Mrs Singh arrived at Djerjian's two-storey villa several hours later. She was escorted by Syrian officers and the Indian charge d'affaires. She had travelled from Beirut by land.

Asked about the conditions during captivity, Singh said: "The treatment was better than I had expected. But there's no substitute to freedom in this world."

Reagan rules out talks with captors

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4. (Agencies): Reagan today again ruled out negotiations with the captors of nine American hostages and said liberating them remains a "great problem" despite the release of an Indian captive.

The White House, meanwhile, said the release of the Indian in Beirut was "tempered by the knowledge that nine innocent Americans" remain hostages in Lebanon.

Reagan, in an exchange with reporters, did not explain how Singh's freedom was obtained. But he rejected any US deals with the captors, believed to be a pro-Iranian Islamic group.

"We've done no negotiating at all," the President said at a picture-taking session with Republican congressional leaders.

Earlier, presidential spokesman Bob Hall said White House happiness over Singh's release was tempered by the continued ordeal of the nine American hostages.

"We are obviously happy for him, his family and friends," Hall said. But he added: "Our pleasure at his release is tempered by the knowledge that nine innocent Americans are among those still held hostage in Lebanon."

Hoped
The State Department's ambassador-at-large for counter terrorism, Paul Bremer, said he hoped Iran or anyone else with influence would try to free the remaining hostages.

"The Iranian foreign minister says that they used their influence and we do know that this is a group, the Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine, over which we think Iran has some influence," he said.

Freedom
He said trying to secure the release of the nine Americans held in Lebanon "has been a great problem for us and it's very much on our minds."

In 1985, Reagan secretly approved US weapons sales to Iran in an agreement that was supposed to help gain the freedom of the captive Americans.

When the plot surfaced in 1986, it produced the greatest uproar in Reagan's eight-year presidency.

As ethnic violence increases, Magistrate gunned down in Pakistan

HYDERABAD, Oct. 4. (Agencies): A magistrate was gunned down at his home today as ethnic violence increased in Hyderabad, a government official said.

At least 270 people have been killed in the southern city, Karachi, in five days of bloody clashes between Indian immigrants called Mohajirs and Sindhi separatists seeking independence for the southern Sind province.

Najib Piracha, deputy-commissioner of Hyderabad, said a Sindhi magistrate was waiting for a taxi when an identified gunman opened fire.

Arrested
Meanwhile, police have detained about 150 people in their investigation of the bloodiest ethnic violence in the country's history, the official Pakistan Times reported.

The newspaper said foreign nationals were among those arrested, but they were not identified.

Last Friday, gunmen in about 10 vehicles sprayed Hyderabad homes, marketplaces, offices and schools, killing 148 people, according to official figures. The majority of the dead were Mohajirs. Retaliatory rioting in Karachi, 100 miles (160 kilometres) to the south, has killed about 60, mostly Sindhis.

both cities in armoured personnel carriers. A partial curfew is in effect in Karachi, a city of about eight million.

Hyderabad's Mohajir mayor, Aftab Sheikh, dismissed official death figures, saying last Friday's rampage left 250 people dead. A curfew, clamped on the city after the shooting spree, has remained in effect except for periodic lapses to give residents a chance to buy food.

Eight people died yesterday and seven were injured today during curfew breaks, government officials said. The magistrate's death came during the curfew.

Army commandos will be drafted in to combat ethnic violence, acting President Ghulam Ishaq Khan said today.

Sharpshooters
He told reporters police sharpshooters would also be stationed in watchtowers to be set up in cities in the volatile province of Sind.

The commandos would replace regular troops, he said, adding that police checkpoints would be set up to control people entering towns and cities.

Ishaq Khan, speaking during a one-day visit to the Baluchistan provincial capital of Quetta, repeated assurances that the Sind riots would not delay national elections due in November.

Syria committed to Lebanese unity

Gemayel's forces surrender to Geagea

BEIRUT, Oct. 4. (Agencies): Former President Amin Gemayel's private army surrendered to rightwing militia chief Samir Geagea consolidating Geagea's control of Lebanon's Christian enclave, police reported today.

A police spokesman said Gemayel's 3,500 supporters "peacefully surrendered" their four barracks in the Christian-controlled area northeast of Beirut to Geagea's men late yesterday.

Move
He said Geagea's Lebanese Forces militia allowed Gemayel to maintain about 30 bodyguards to protect his residence in East Beirut's Christian district of Sin El-Fil and the Gemayel family mansion in the mountain resort of Bikfaya.

The move followed a threat from Geagea to Gemayel's men to surrender or face attack from the 6,000-strong Lebanese Forces militia, said the spokesman.

A Lebanese Forces spokesman confirmed the report, describing the move as a "bloodless operation."

Gemayel's followers have "joined the Lebanese Forces. The Christian force is now unified under the Lebanese Forces command," said the spokesman, who refused to be named.

About 18,000 Muslim troops of the Lebanese Army are based outside the Christian area and have pledged allegiance to Muslim Prime Minister Selim Hoss.

The daily newspaper Ad-Diyar, which is based in Christian East Beirut, said Geagea's militia now controls Gemayel's traditional powerbase in the Christian enclave's northern Metn province.

Meeting
The move, the paper said, "strips the former president of any political strength."

A Christian official close to Gemayel said the former president was planning to leave Lebanon "shortly for a long vacation abroad."

Syria is committed to Lebanon's unity and to rejecting any partition, Foreign Minister Farouq Al Shara was quoted today as saying.

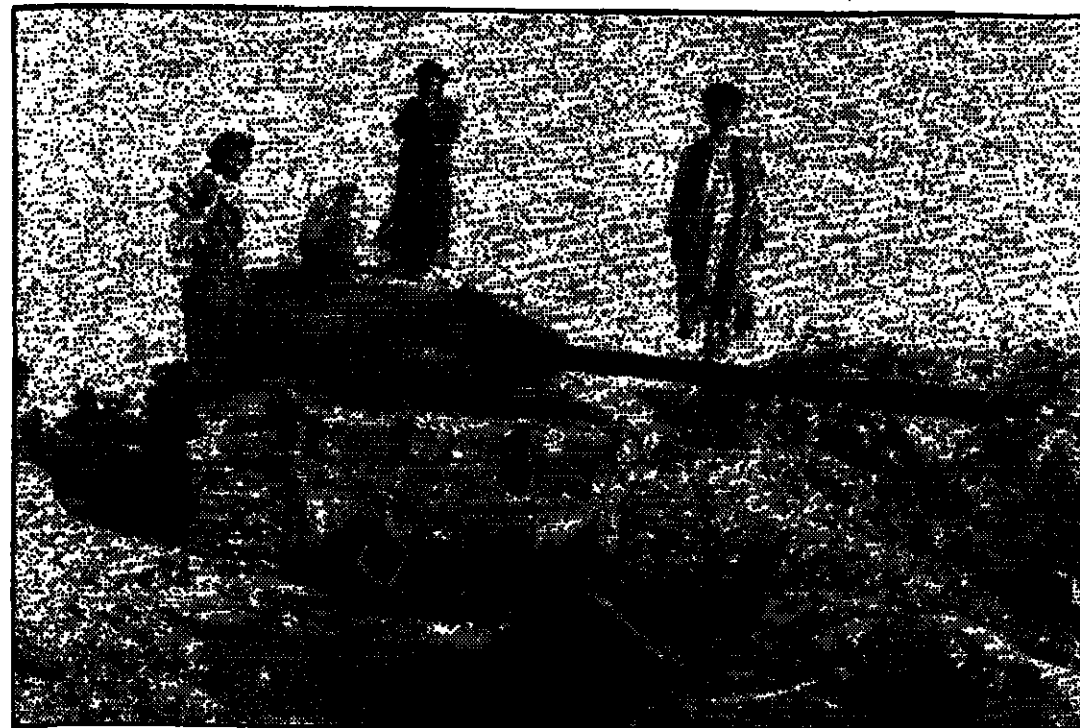
The Syrian news agency SANA said Shara and US Secretary of State George Shultz, meeting in New York yesterday, agreed on the need to preserve Lebanese unity.

View points were shared on preserving Lebanon's unity and rejecting the partition attempts," SANA said.

Meanwhile, Muslim political sources said in Beirut today that Hoss and Parliamentary Speaker Hussein Hussein visited Damascus last night where they met Syrian Vice-President Abdel Halim Khaddam.

Deputies in the Christian-held areas of Beirut were due to meet today to discuss tactics ahead of an Oct 18 election of a new Speaker to succeed Hussein.

Under a long-standing distribution of powers, the post is held by a Shi'ite Muslim.



Members of a mujahedeen group stand atop a tank crippled and captured near a government post northwest of Kandahar. (Reuter wirephoto)

Rebels launch rocket attack

13 killed in Kandahar

ISLAMABAD, Oct 4, (AP): Thirteen people died on the weekend in a rocket attack on the southern Afghan city of Kandahar launched by Muslim guerrillas, Radio Kabul reported.

A military correspondent with the official Afghan Bakhtar news agency said another 22 people were injured in the attack on residential areas by "criminal opposition elements," said the radio report, monitored here. It did not give the precise date of the attack.

Soviet troops left Kandahar Aug 15 as part of a complete pullout to be completed Feb 15, under terms of a UN-brokered accord signed in May by the Soviets, Pakistan, the United States and Afghanistan. Before the start of the pullout, the Soviets had more than 100,000 troops in the country to help counter an anti-communist insurgency.

Soviets and Afghans complain of repeated violations of the UN

accord by Pakistan, accusing it of harbouring and arming the guerrillas.

Pakistan, in turn, charges the Soviet-backed Afghan government with violating its airspace more than 150 times, often dropping bombs, since the signing of the agreement.

Both sides deny breaking the pact.

In the latest such accusation, the Afghan government lodged a complaint with Pakistan's representative in the Afghan capital charging Pakistan with unspecified participation in a guerrilla attack on Asadabad, in the northeastern province of Kunar, Radio Kabul reported.

Espionage
Eight people died in the attack Friday, the broadcast said.

Meanwhile, Kabul has accused two West German medical personnel of espionage for illegally entering the country. The two were captured by Afghan troops last month. In the Pakistan border city of

Peshawar, resistance sources said a Japanese woman photographer was killed in a land mine explosion while travelling with rebels near the eastern Afghan city of Jalalabad.

The sources said Nao Ko Nanjo, 30, a freelance photographer, died Sunday during fighting between the guerrillas and Afghan troops for control of a stretch of highway between Jalalabad and Kabul. Two rebels also died in the explosion, but a Japanese colleague, identified as Koh Shari Pamaka, escaped unharm.

The journalist was on her third trip to Afghanistan with the guerrillas, the sources said. They said her body has not yet been brought out of the country.

A Pakistani journalist was killed in June when Afghan troops attacked his guerrilla escorts near the southern city of Kandahar. Two Americans filming a documentary on the war died last year in an ambush a few miles from Kabul.

Zhao pledges support for PLO

BEIJING, Oct 4, (Reuters): Chinese Communist Party chief Zhao Ziyang pledged support for the Palestine Liberation Organisation today and expressed optimism over a political settlement to the Palestinian question.

The New China News Agency quoted Zhao as telling PLO chairman Yasser Arafat that the Palestinian struggle against Israel's occupation of the West Bank had won international support.

But he also noted a relaxation of world tension, adding: "Such a situation is conducive to the solution of the Palestine question."

President Yang Shangkun also met Arafat, who is making his first visit to China since 1985, and promised Beijing would help seek a fair solution to the Palestinian question.

Arafat arrived in China yesterday to discuss with Chinese leaders Jordan's severing of its links to the West Bank, according to a Palestinian diplomat in Beijing.

China is a strong supporter of the PLO and has no diplomatic ties with Israel.

Sudan rebels attack relief convoys

WASHINGTON, Oct 4, (AP): Rebels against the government of Sudan have attacked aid shipments, reversing a previous policy of letting them go through, the US State Department said.

"We deplore these outrageous actions which target trucks and planes that are undertaking humanitarian missions," said deputy spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley.

She added that arrangements are being made for the US Agency for International Development (AID) to provide \$1.5 million to the Sudanese government's relief and rehabilitation commission.

A US team has been sent to help the government of Sudan and other donors to work out a plan to meet the area's needs.

The Sudan lies directly south of Egypt, projecting into central Africa. Christian and other guerrillas in the area have been fighting since 1983 against the government in Khartoum.

Last week the Sudanese Army acknowledged that it had lost

two strategic towns in southern Sudan: Katre and Kiala, near the border with Uganda.

A statement issued by Jay F. Morris, deputy aid administrator, said nine drivers and assistants from Kenya are dead or missing and an unknown number of relief trucks were abandoned Sept 8 after forces of the Sudanese Peoples Liberation Army (SPLA) attacked a convoy on the way from Yei to Juba.

According to Morris, thousands of refugees have been driven from the countryside into towns, especially in the southern part of Kordofan province, which borders on the area that has seen most fighting. The United States and other donor governments have recently succeeded in moving large quantities of food and other supplies into the area, after months of difficulties that had frustrated relief agencies, Morris said.

Last month, Mauris Lawya, the governor of Equatoria province, said a convoy of 912 trucks bound for Juba under Army escort had to return to Yie.

Khaddafi presses for federation

Libya differs on Maghreb unity

TUNIS, Oct 4, (Reuters): Khaddafi's vision of a united Maghreb differs from that of the four other Arab states which have agreed to work towards unity. Libyan number two Abdelsalam Jalloud said in an interview published in Tunis today.

At a meeting of officials from Algeria, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia in Tripoli last month, Libya was alone in pressing for a federation of the five states, Jalloud told the pro-government Tunisian newspaper La Presse.

"All the projects submitted revolved around creating an alliance of states. We were the only ones to propose a union of the federal type," he said.

Obstacles

Khaddafi and other heads of state of the five countries met outside Algiers in June for their first summit ever and agreed to open detailed negotiations on an eventual Maghreb union.

At the Tripoli meeting, a Maghreb sub-committee was looking at the structures and institutions of the proposed union.

Morocco's representative at the meeting, speaker of parliament Ahmed Osman, said after that the Libyan project differed sharply from the others in that it envisaged a federal super-state with all the attributes of sovereignty.



Khaddafi: unity

Jalloud, who left Tunis last Friday at the end of a 13-day visit, said one of the obstacles to the kind of union Khaddafi wanted was that the educated elite was isolated from reality.

"Some intellectuals in the Arab Maghreb and even politicians are unfortunately under the influence of European models... some consider the Maghreb culturally linked to Europe," he added.

Welcome

Jalloud, apparently referring to Algerian-Libya unity moves, said Libya saw no conflict between bilateral action and building a united Maghreb.

"There's no objection to two countries going even further ahead if their conditions and means allow," he said.

Algeria last month embarked

on an internal debate on the kind of bilateral unity it wants with Libya and the two governments are working on a joint identity card.

Meanwhile, Egypt welcomed today the decision by Chad and Libya to restore diplomatic relations and urged them to find a peaceful settlement of a continuing border dispute.

Burtos Ghali, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, said Cairo had made several contacts with senior Chadian officials about N'Djamena's rapprochement with Libya, Egypt's arch enemy.

On Monday, Chad and Libya announced in a joint communiqué that they were restoring relations and vowed to solve remaining differences peacefully.

The announcement ended a long and bitter desert conflict between the North African neighbours.

"Egyptian diplomacy welcomes this positive step and hopes that it is a start for a peaceful solution of the dispute over the Aouzou Strip," Ghali told reporters.

Monday's statement did not mention the strip, a 114,000-square-kilometre band of mineral-rich territory across Chad's northern border that Libya seized in 1973.

Olympics hailed as turning point

Roh vows to reunify Korea

SEOUL, Oct 4, (AP): Hailing the Olympics as a major turning-point, president Roh Tae-Woo said today he would launch new efforts to reunite the Korean peninsula and build full democracy.

Roh, in a major address to the National Assembly, also said he would keep an election promise of letting voters decide on how well the government has kept its promise of introducing democracy. But he did not say what form the assessment would take.

The Olympics, which ended Sunday, were a major success for South Korea and proof of its standing as an advanced nation, Roh said. The success of the Games would help provide impetus for further progress, he said.

Budget
"We are opening a new chapter of history in which Korea should achieve both unification and prosperity and emerge as a major player on the world scene in the 21st century," Roh said.

Roh, in the four-long nationally televised speech, announced a budget for 1989 of \$27 billion, an 11 per cent increase.

Saying it was time to overcome

the problems and divisions of the past, Roh called for a major effort to complete the task of building a democratic system and sharing the nation's prosperity.

Roh stressed his determination to end the bitter confrontation with communist North Korea and to seek ways to reunite the divided peninsula. He said he would present a new plan shortly on ways to build ties with the North, but gave no details.

"Our goal is to build a unified country so that the national community can prosper and develop for ever," Roh said.

Roh repeated an offer made in July to visit Pyongyang for a summit meeting with North Korean President Kim Il Sung to discuss "all pending issues."

The two Koreans are to resume talks Oct 13 on trying to reduce tension, although talks in August failed to make any progress.

The President said he would continue to seek contacts with the North and would seek exchange programmes for students and others to help build trust. He repeated an earlier pledge to abandon previous efforts to isolate North Korea.



Roh: success

"I will endeavour to bring about a spring of reconciliation between the South and the North, which have remained in a deep freeze for 40 years," Roh said.

The participation of the Soviet Union, China and most other communist nations in the Olympics also provided an opportunity for Seoul to build ties with the communist world that would help ease tension with the North, Roh said.

Roh said South Korea also would cement close ties with the

United States, Japan and other allies. "The United States is an ally with whom we have been defending the peace and freedom of the Korean peninsula," he said.

But Roh warned the threat of war with the North still existed and stressed the need for strong defenses. "The security situation on the Korean peninsula and in northeast Asia remains as grave as ever," he said.

Troops

The two Koreas are bitter enemies with hundreds of thousands of troops poised along their border. The North invaded the South in 1950 to start the Korean war and most observers see little hope of reunification under existing conditions.

North Korea boycotted the Olympics after its demand to co-host the Games was rejected.

Turning to domestic politics, Roh pledged to co-operate with a parliamentary probe into corruption and other abuses under the administration of former President Chun Doo-Hwan. He said he wanted the problem resolved quickly, but warned against seeking revenge against Chun.

Medical team separating Siamese twins

TOKYO, Oct 4, (AP): A 70-member medical team began a delicate operation today to separate 7-year-old Siamese twins Viet and Duc, the Kyodo news agency reported from Ho Chi Minh City.

Vietnamese doctors have said Duc, the more healthy twin, asked for the operation though he hoped for the survival of his brother, who has been comatose since May 1986.

Viet's chances of survival were low, Kyodo said.

Viet and Duc are joined at the pelvis with a single pair of legs. They have two trunks, but they share a large bowel, anus, bladder, genitals, one pair of kidneys and an important artery leaving doctors with the difficult ethical question of how to divide their shared parts and give them a chance of survival.

The operation was expected to take at least 12 hours. It started this morning at the Tu Du Hospital, using equipment and medications supplied by the Japanese Red Cross, the news agency said.

First attempt
The operation was thought to be the first time an attempt has been made to separate twins who have been joined for almost eight years.

The deformity has been attributed to US government use of defoliants during the Vietnam war in the central highlands area where Duc and Viet were born in February 1981. The defoliants included agent orange, which contains a compound dioxin, known to produce birth defects in animals.

The world average for Siamese twins is one birth per 10,000, while at Tu Du the rate is 100 times greater, said Dr Nguyen Thin Ngoc Phuong, deputy director of Tu Du Hospital. It is also known that Duc and Viet's parents had normal children before they moved to Pleiku.

Skyhawk jets grounded in Kuala Lumpur

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 4, (UPI): All American-made A-4 Skyhawk fighters of the Royal Malaysian Air Force have been temporarily grounded following the crash of two fighters in less than a week, a senior Malaysian defence official said today.

Abang Abu Bakar Mustapa, Deputy Defense Minister, said so far five of the 40 refurbished Skyhawks bought in 1984 have crashed.

"We have grounded all Skyhawk fighter jets for checks so that we can rectify any errors in them and resume normal defense exercises," Abang Abu Bakar said.

He said they have also informed Malaysian Prime Minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad, currently touring the United States, about the action to ground the aircraft.

"The Defence Ministry will conduct an independent inquiry on the recent crashes," Abang Abu Bakar said.

He said pilot Captain Mues Abdul Samad whose plane crashed into the South China Sea yesterday was picked up to safety by the Royal Malaysian Navy today.

On Sept 29, another Skyhawk disappeared when it also crashed into the South China Sea.

Troops kill four for looting

Burmese Army hunt for activists

RANGOON, Oct 4, (UPI): Soldiers swept through downtown Rangoon searching for student activists today in the second day of a government crackdown to force people back to work and halt weeks of pro-democracy strikes, diplomats and witnesses said.

Rangoon Radio said troops yesterday killed four people who allegedly were looting a gas station in the capital's Thaketa district where demonstrators and troops have clashed before.

A day after the government ordered all citizens to return to work, troops searched the homes of student activists, a diplomatic source and the family of one activist said. The diplomat said the number of arrests was not clear.

"We told them our brother has

gone to stay at another person's house, but we do not know where he is," one family member said.

Thousands of students who led mass demonstrations against the military-led government have fled their homes. Some have gone underground and others have made their way to the camps of ethnic rebel groups near the border with Thailand, sources said.

Workforce
Bus service resumed with diesel fuel supplied from Army stocks, and troops on patrol urged workers to return to their jobs, diplomat said. Shops and markets were open.

One diplomat estimated about 80 per cent of the workforce returned to work today, the largest percentage in more than seven weeks of strikes by

thousands of people demanding an interim government be formed until democratic elections could be held.

Little work, however, appeared to be getting done, Burmese and Western observers said.

At offices of the post office and telephone agency most employees came in late and left early, a mid-level official said. International telephone operators apparently were not working and no international calls could be placed.

"Apparently there has been a complete breakdown in morale at many workplaces," said a diplomat. "The slow pace of work will have a negative effect on the economy and could aggravate the political situation again soon."

Fresh plot lost support, says Aquino

MANILA, Oct 4, (UPI): President Corason Aquino said today the arrest of scores of rightist extremists showed a new plot to topple her has lost support and she expects the capture of coup leader Gregorio Honasan "in due time."

Aquino in a statement expressed satisfaction over the capture of 73 rightists by the military capital command. Among those arrested in a month long drive called "Operation Pacman" were two top aides of Honasan - Lieut. Col. Eduardo Matillano and Francisco Baula.

"This goes to show that these right-wing leaders are dwindling and have lost their support, especially from the public," Aquino said.

"Forces that have supported Honasan are now under different commanders and many of those who were with him are already in detention," Aquino said.

Operations

Aquino said military officials were pursuing operations against the rightists.

"They have been successful and I am confident that Honasan will be re-arrested in due time," Aquino said.

Honasan led the Aug 28, 1987 coup attempt that nearly toppled Aquino. At least 53 people were killed and 300 wounded in the mutiny.

Honasan was captured in December, but he escaped from a prison ship last April and is at large.

Matillano, a former provincial commander who seized the government television during the August coup, was captured last week in a suburban hotel while allegedly recruiting soldiers for a new coup attempt.

Security forces captured Baula on Monday at the Amihan Day and Night Club along Manila's seafont Roxas boulevard. Authorities said they seized from Baula 100,000 (\$3,000) that was to be used in the planned uprising.

Baula led the attack at the Air Force headquarters in Manila in the Honasan coup.

A senior official said Honasan's group now includes supporters of former President Ferdinand Marcos in the armed forces. They allegedly receive financing from "very high political personalities."

Aquino has crushed five coup attempts since she took power in a civilian-backed military revolt in February 1986.

Iran hails ties with Brazil

NICOSIA, Oct 4, (Reuters): Iranian Industry Minister Gholamreza Shafei said today he had concluded economic agreements worth \$1.5 billion during a visit to Brazil last week.

The Iranian News Agency, IRNA, monitored in Nicosia, quoted him as saying it was agreed during the visit that Iran should boost oil exports to Brazil to 150,000 barrels per day from their present level of 60,000 barrels per day.

Other imports of interest to Brazil included carpets, pistachios, dates and sulphur, Shafei said.

He said a joint economic commission held its first meeting during his visit and would meet annually for at least the next three years.

The two countries agreed to co-operate in agriculture, technology transfer, paper production, chemicals and geological exploration, he said.

Brazil would supply Iran with machinery and raw materials and Iran would build plants to process sugar and timber, the Iranian minister said.

Children tortured in several countries

LONDON, Oct 4, (UPI): Amnesty International painted an "ugly picture" in its yearly human rights report, saying that people and sometimes children are tortured in one-third of the countries around the world.

In the survey of 135 nations, the organisation said the use of "death squads" to terrorise political opposition appeared to have increased in Latin America.

The human rights organisation, which won the Nobel peace prize in 1977, also said that in 80 countries worldwide people are jailed for speaking their minds or for political or religious beliefs.

The review covered abuses in the calendar year 1987.

"In at least a third of the world's nations, men, women and even children are tortured," Amnesty said. "In scores of countries government's pursue their goals by kidnapping and murdering their own citizens."

Ugly picture

The group said it "documents and publicises this ugly picture of what governments around the world are doing to their citizens 40 years after the proclamation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for one reason only - to convince more people that something must be done to stop it."

The report highlighted the fact that this year is the 40th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. "On 10 Dec 1948 all the members of the United Nations declared for the first time in history that every human being has inalienable rights," it said.

Amnesty said that today while all the UN members states formally subscribe to the declaration "many of them reveal, by their actions, that they consider their ideas and ideals it enshrines as 'subversive'."

The report said that in Latin America the use of clandestine groups linked to government forces to terrorise political opposition or common criminals appeared to have increased.

Abuses by such groups continued in several countries including El Salvador, Guatemala, Colombia, Brazil and Chile and reports indicated that similar groups had emerged in countries previously unaffected such as Panama, Amnesty said.

It said that in Asia grave violations of human rights continued through 1987 with widespread reports of torture.

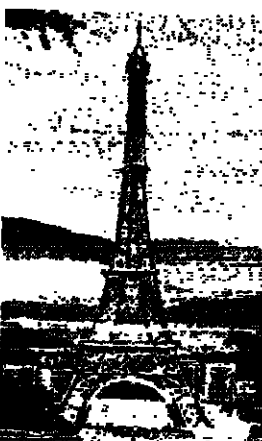
In Burma, where a protracted struggle was being waged by the central government against tribal and other insurgents, former detainees told Amnesty frequently of sustained beatings or kickings.

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Five firms to submit university project designs

FIVE international consulting companies have been selected by Kuwait University to submit designs for the University City project in the Shidadiya area, according to a local daily.

The firm which is awarded the contract will execute the project in co-operation with Kuwait University. The state allocated KD2 million for the design of the project. This amount will be covered by the University's budget for 1988-1989 and 1989-1990. The total cost of the project is estimated at KD168 million.

Revised
The project is to be completed in two stages — the first costing KD100 million and the other KD68 million.

The project is expected to meet the demands of academic education in Kuwait well into the beginning of the next century.

In the interim, the office of the assistant rector for planning at

the University revised plans to improve existing facilities and to build new installations and buildings in different faculties.

The office submitted its construction programme along with a five-year plan to the Ministry of Finance to finance them for the fiscal year 1988-89.

Maintenance

According to preliminary estimates, the plan will cost KD140 million. Fifty-seven per cent of that amount will be allocated to buildings in Shuwaikh; 26 per cent will be spent in Khaldiya; 9 per cent in Jabriya; 4 per cent in Adiliya and the remaining 4 per cent will be allocated to Keifan.

Seventy per cent of the funds will be spent on new buildings, with the maintenance of present utilities and buildings taking up the remaining 30 per cent.

Nine projects which will cost

about KD8 million will be completed during the fiscal year.

The University will also start 14 other projects which will cost about KD24 million and design 27 other projects at a total cost of KD80 million during this fiscal year. Additionally, the University contracted with several companies to carry out 40 maintenance projects which will cost about KD1 million. Thirty of these projects have already been completed.

A report dated Sept 1 said there have been delays in completing University construction projects. The report blamed lack of technical manpower coupled with government red-tape and bureaucracy for the delays.

Relevant ministers decided to give these projects priority. A team headed by the Minister of Public Works will supervise projects which are expected to be completed during this fiscal year.

Yemens moving toward unity, minister says

KUWAIT, Oct 4, (KUNA): Democratic Republic of Yemen Foreign Minister Abdul Aziz Al Dali was quoted here today as saying that important steps have been taken toward unifying the two Yemens.

In an interview with a Kuwaiti daily, published here today, Al Dali said the unitary agreement, signed between the two countries last May defined the "shape and nature" of relations between the two Yemens, pointing to free movements of citizens with identity cards and joint utilisation of oil.

Al Dali said he hopes that a plenary meeting between the countries' leaders will take place in the near future to step up political and economic unification efforts.

Commenting on a reported dispute between his country and Syria and Democratic Yemen's efforts to strengthen relations with Iraq, Al Dali said there is no link between Aden's relationship with Iraq and any other Arab country.

"Our relations with both Iraq and Syria are very good. Aden is seeking to promote its relations



Al Dali

with all Arab countries without any exceptions," he said.

Al Dali said his country is against dividing Lebanon, indicating that foreign circles which he did not name are interested in dividing the country to weaken the Palestinian struggle in the occupied territories.

He called for a unified Arab attitude to stop what he called Arab deterioration.

KFAS to grant award for excellence

KUWAIT, Oct 4, (KUNA): Al HH the Amir's initiative, the Kuwait Foundation of the Advancement of Science (KFAS) has announced a new award for scientific excellence for Kuwaiti researchers with doctorate degrees in any field.

A KFAS press release said that the initiative by the Amir, who is also the foundation's board chairman, is a way to spread a constructive competitive spirit among Kuwaiti researchers.

Choice
The award consists, of KD500, a medal and a certificate of merit. It can be awarded to one or more researchers.

The award can be given in the fields of science, engineering, biological sciences, medicine, sociology, the humanities, economy and administration.

The foundation also specified that a candidate must send his scientific work to the foundation, where a committee specialising in his field will compare the various products and choose the best one as a candidate for one of the six awards which will be granted.

To qualify for the award, applicants must be Kuwaiti, hold a doctorate degree, have had research work published after earning their degree, and have not won an award from the foundation or any other Kuwaiti firm for the work in the competition.

The applicant must also submit three copies of each published product along with three copies of his scientific record. Candidates can enter until the end of October and the winners will be announced at the beginning of 1989.

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the efforts of the secretary-general and encourages the parties to approach the issue with "flexibility and an aim to concluding them."

Shultz also told Aziz, according to Redman, that the US is pleased with the development of relations between the two countries over the years.

"We want to see this development continue and see the relationship strengthen and expand itself," he said. In that context, he said, "We have this problem with chemical weapons, and the discussion today was positive and constructive."

Redman said Aziz reiterated his government's position that Iraq abides by all agreements and commitments against chemical weapons and confirmed the American interpretation of that statement that it applies to both external and internal use of chemical weapons.

Honour
In the evening Shultz hosted a dinner aboard the yacht "Highlander" in honour of the six foreign ministers of the Gulf Co-operation Council and its Secretary-General, Abdallah Bishara.

During the dinner, Shultz called for an enhancement of the economic dialogue between the GCC countries and stressed the need for a more systematic way to review economic relations between the US and the GCC. "We hope soon to have a proposal

ready for presentation to the GCC," he said.

"The United States hopes that the close dialogue and co-operation with the GCC on all these regional issues will continue and intensify. US policy in the region enjoys bipartisan support. Our interests and our commitment to achieve them are constant," he said.

Success
Along with the six GCC ministers, Shultz also invited the ministers of Egypt, Jordan, Iraq and the Yemen Arab Republic to come along for the boat ride "because of the extraordinary success we have had together this year."

Also yesterday Sheikh Sabah attended a luncheon given by Jordanian Foreign Minister Taher Masri in honour of UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

In the afternoon, Sheikh Sabah discussed with Nigerian Foreign Minister Ibrahim Fall the forthcoming Islamic summit meeting in Dakar as well as bilateral relations.

This was followed by talks with Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen. The Iraq-Iran conflict and the Middle East were the key topics at that meeting.

Reduction in international calling rates

THE Ministry of Communications issued an official decision yesterday to reduce international call charges at the beginning of next month.

The exact percentages of the reductions have not been announced, but will vary from country to country, depending on agreements with those countries.

The decision includes further off-peak reductions from 7 pm to 7 am, in addition to Fridays and official holidays.

The ministry also announced reductions in the charges on telegraph and telephone circuits used for press services. This service will apply to foreign news agencies, provided their countries can offer KUNA similarly reduced rates.

University makes partial payments to contractors

BAHRAIN, Oct 4, (Reuters): Contractors owed around 12 million dinars (\$32 million) by the financially strapped Arabian Gulf University have received their first payments in more than two years, Bahrain industry sources said today.

They said at least three of the four main companies which built the 41-million dinar (\$109-million) campus in Bahrain — the only one of its kind in the Gulf — received installments of up to 130,000 dinars (\$345,000) last week.

But the sources said further assurance was needed of the university's ability to meet its debts to the South Korean firm, Daelim Industrial Co., a Taiwanese company, Ret Ser Engineering Agency, the United Arab Emirates-Australian venture, Al Habtoor Leighton, and

Saudi Arabia's Rabya Landscaping Ltd.

A spokesman for Daelim Industrial Co which says it is still owed around 5.5 million dinars (\$14.6 million), said: "This is only a very small amount. It is an encouraging sign, but the main problem is still unsolved."

Jamil Ali Ibrahim, Bahrain coordinator for the contractors, said they will soon meet the university's new president Dr Ibrahim Al Hashemi and Bahrain's Education Minister Dr Ali Fakhro to try to work out ways of getting the rest of the cash.

"I hope the current difficulties which the university is facing will be incentives to double our efforts," Hashemi said in a statement published in the Bahrain Arabic-language daily, Akhbar Al Khaleej.

The economies of the institution's seven founder states have been hard hit by falling oil prices. Only two, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia, have fully met their financial commitment to the project, according to the university's outgoing president.

Fifty per cent of the project cost is allocated equally between Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, 21 per cent to Iraq, 15 per cent to the United Arab Emirates, 9 per cent to Qatar and 2.5 per cent each to Bahrain and Oman.

The outgoing president, Dr Mahmoud Al Safar, said last week 40 per cent of the 350 students at the campus were asked to pay tuition fees as part of a drive to raise funds.

The original plan for the campus, built to accommodate 5,000 students from the region, was for free education.

Experts studying pollution threat

ABU DHABI, Oct 2, (KUNA): Abu Dhabi's Water and Electricity Department is carrying out field research and scientific studies in collaboration with Japanese experts to ensure the safety of the desalination and power plants from the dangers of oil pollution, a senior official at the department said today.

Saeed Attiq, assistant under-secretary at the department, said that following the incident at Iran's Nowruz oilfield, there were direct pollution threats to Abu Dhabi's desalination and power plants, which totally depend on Gulf waters.

"The department, in collaboration with Japanese experts in this field, is intensifying its efforts to take precautionary measures that will safeguard the plants from oil pollution," he said.

He noted that the department invited a number of competent international firms to present their bids on scientific research and using their expertise to face the pollution from oil and its by-products.

He also announced the latest laboratory analysis by the department showed that there is no danger threatening the plants now.

"A team comprised of the department's engineers and Japanese experts is currently undertaking research and studies dealing with the situation of Gulf waters. After the conclusion of its mission the team will present its recommendations on ensuring the safety and operation of the plants," he added.

French school fees increased

THE Ministry of Education has completed a study on the structure of the fee hikes at the French school as of this academic year, a reliable source said.

The decision to hike the fees is expected to be approved by the minister of education within the coming few days.

The source said that kindergarten fees will be KD575 beginning this year, compared to KD515 last year. Fees of the primary sections will increase from KD800 to KD980, intermediate stage fees will go up from

KD855 to KD1,085 and secondary fees will increase from KD975 to KD1,190. There is also a special fee of KD25 to be paid for each student.

The Ministry of Education decided to hike fees of private schools this year in varying percentages, as high as 13 per cent in foreign schools.

However, the French school was not affected by this hike. The new decision to apply the hike in fees to the French school is meant to bring about a parity in school fees, the source said.

GCC demand for Japanese vehicles drops

DEMAND for Japanese vehicles in GCC countries has dropped drastically during the last few years, the deputy chairman of the Japanese Mitsubishi company has been quoted as saying.

In an interview with the Dubai-based Al Bayan newspaper, the Japanese official said that demand has fallen to about 150,000 to 200,000 cars per annum. In the Saudi market alone about 400,000 cars were bought per annum in the 70's and early 80's.

However, he confirmed the importance of Middle East market for Japanese vehicles, which still represents 10 per cent of export sales.

Meanwhile, the official denied that the specifications of the vehicles exported to Middle East countries are different to those of vehicles exported to Europe and the USA.

Kuwait ships aid to Sudan

KUWAIT, Oct 4, (KUNA): A special vessel laden with relief aid left here today for flood-stricken Sudan in accordance with instructions of HH the Amir.

The foodstuffs, medicine, tents and blankets were shipped in addition to similar aid from Kuwait sent to Sudan via Air Force planes.

The ship also carries material donations extended by citizens through non-profit and charity organisations in Kuwait.



The Ambassador of Malaysia Zaini Al Abidin Bin Azias and his wife are welcomed by South Korean Ambassador Sae Hoon Ahn and his wife at a reception marking the South Korean National Foundation Day, Monday, at the Kuwait Hilton Hotel.

Land distribution boosts construction industry

THE distribution of residential plots to citizens by the Public Housing Authority has boosted the local construction industry.

This reaction is reflected in the rise of prices of construction materials especially after the municipal affairs committee increased the size of plots.

A local daily interviewed a number of plot owners who voiced their opinions on the situation in the construction sector.

Ramadhan Abdul Latif said that one ton of steel which cost about KD80 eight months ago is now quoted at KD160.

The price increases are accompanied by a rise in manpower costs, he said.

A construction worker now charges KD10 per day. Ramadhan said this rise in prices is the result of the distribution of a large number of plots at the same time.

The plots should have been distributed in intervals he added.

Another plot owner, Yousif

Al Sobail said that the continual increase in prices prompted him to begin construction as soon as possible. He contracted to build his house for KD30,000.

Saleh Tarawneh said that the establishment of new loan offices in remote areas speeded up the construction process for most plot owners. He called upon government officials to impose restrictions on prices of construction materials.

India, Jordan to sign accord

AMMAN, Oct 4, (KUNA): Jordan and India will sign an agreement on labour, official sources said here today.

A Jordanian delegation headed by Minister of Labour Marwan Douyin will leave for India on Oct 19 to discuss the accord with senior Indian officials.

India is a major buyer of Jordan's phosphate.

Sudanese minister thanks Kuwait

DOHA, Oct 4, (KUNA): Sudanese Defence Minister Gen Abdul Majid Khalil today expressed his country's appreciation for the support and help of Arab Gulf countries during the recent flood disasters in Sudan.

In an interview with the Qatari daily "Al Rayah", the Sudanese official added that he will tour the Gulf Co-operation Council states and Iraq during the coming few days.

He praised co-operation between GCC states describing it as "a prelude to Arab unity."

Discussing the current peace negotiations between Iraq and Iran, the minister said he hopes that the two sides will reach a comprehensive and just peace, not just a truce.

Regarding the internal situation in Sudan, Khalil said that his government is seriously working for peace in the South and is keen on seeking to resolve problems there through dialogue and democratic means.

The Sudanese minister denied existence of a unity agreement between his country and Libya. Any such agreement would be officially announced, he said.

Test-tube baby and mother doing fine

THE mother of Kuwait's first test-tube baby will soon be discharged from hospital after nearly two weeks of medical attention.

The mother, a Kuwaiti citizen, gave birth to a baby girl on Sept 27 by Caesarean section. The mother had been artificially inseminated.

The baby was born weighing three kilos and is reported in very good health. Only relatives are permitted to visit the mother and child.

3 health centres will be open Fridays, holidays

THE director of Jahra Health Area, Dr Abdul Aziz Khalaf, has said that three health centres in the Jahra area will be open for patients on Fridays and holidays beginning this Friday. The three centres are: Jahra Health Area, Naem Health Centre and Taima Health Centre.

He added that three maternity centres in Jahra, Taima and Sulabiya will receive ladies on Saturdays, Mondays and Wednesdays from 4 to 8 pm, from Oct 8.

Black & Decker introduces 'handy blender'

BLACK & Decker's Housewares Division is gradually introducing a wider range of cordless rechargeable appliances.

Their latest addition in food preparation products is the portable blender called the "Handyblender." Company sources said it is an ideal companion on picnics, barbecues, at the pool and on desert trips.

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Preservation of Arabian architecture urged

ARABIAN architecture, such as old Kuwaiti houses, are a source of historical pride and should be well preserved, says Sheikh Hessa Sabah Al Salem, the director of the Islamic Monuments House.

"It is important to realise that these houses are a part of our heritage and it is sad to see them deteriorate and disappear with time," she said.

Old houses could be changed into cultural centres and art galleries to benefit the public, and efforts should be made to restore them, she said.

The director said that 12 old houses have been preserved by the government. However, 122 others may be demolished. Sheikh Khazal's house used to be Kuwait's old museum — now it is empty and seems dead, she said.

Guidelines
Sheikha Hessa called upon youths to restore monuments because it would be an enriching experience.

Dr Sulaiman Al Askari, assistant general secretary of the National Culture, Arts and Literature Council says that the preservation of Kuwait's architectural heritage should be seriously pursued.

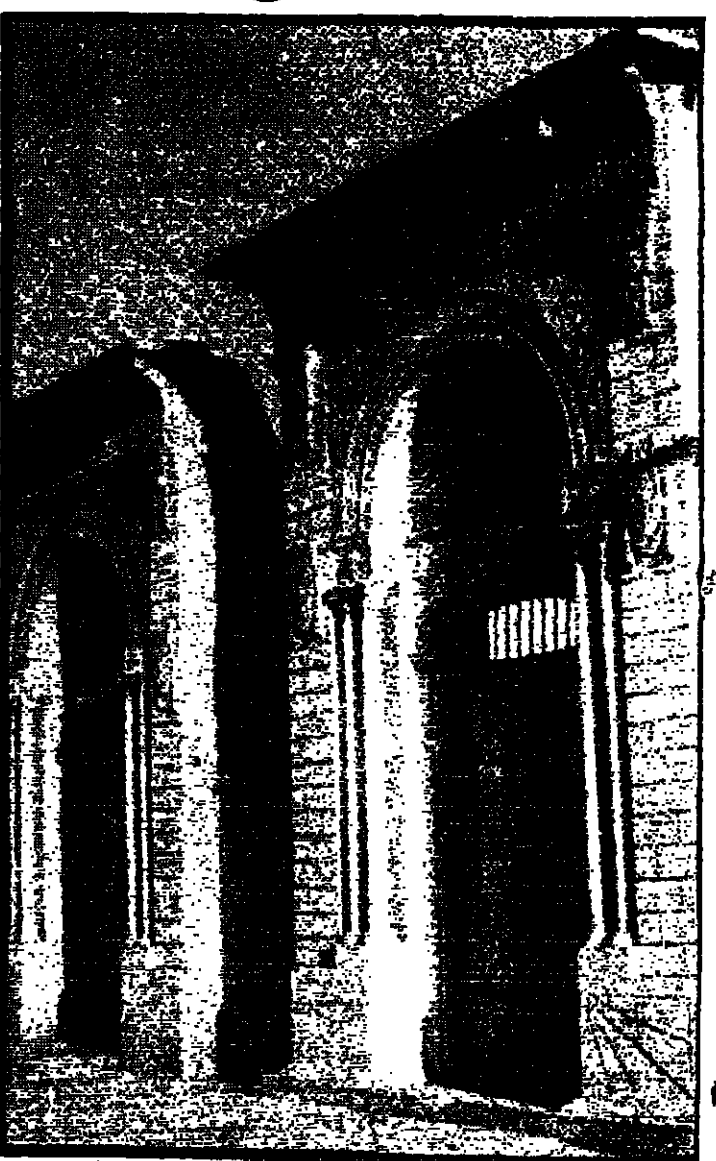
Decisions to remove historical monuments should be made by the municipality acting within guidelines of a law designed to deal with this problem, he said.

Further, he said, the National Council is keen to change old houses into cultural centres, depending on their historical value and their relationship with historical events.

Responsible
The Sharqiya School was the first school established in Kuwait and is well located and linked to the coast. The council met recently to discuss restoring the building into a complete cultural centre, he said.

Dr Al Askari pointed out that the council asked Kuwait Municipality to restore one of the locations at Safat Square. The request was made two years ago with a suggestion to build a formative arts hall.

That particular location is now the site of a restaurant with accommodation for singles, he



An old Kuwaiti architectural design

said.

Cultural authorities should be the sole party responsible for preserving or remodeling such historical locations, he said.

Time is critical — old, weak houses are threatened by changes in the weather and may not remain intact without assistance, he said.

The council is studying the establishment of a "heritage town" in Sharq, he said. The town will give Kuwaiti youths a look at Kuwaiti history and handicrafts practised by their

forefathers.

Ridha Al Matrouk, director of architectural designs at Kuwait Municipality, praised the participation of Kuwaiti youths in a study by a work team for restoration of historical artifacts.

He said it is unfortunate that in the last 30 years and with the beginning of the construction development in Kuwait, no efforts have been made towards restoring monumental sites. The sites could serve as a link between the past and the present, he added.

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By Brian Hollis

A BREATH of fresh air has been blowing through the Kuwait video business in the past couple of weeks. First, the new minister of information decreed the issue of new video licences, blocked since 1981, which has led to many hundreds of applications. It is expected that over 100 new shops will open for business in the next few months. Secondly, the removal of Coca Cola from the blacklist has led to the reinstatement of Columbia Pictures.

For those of you who think that this will give rise to an avalanche of wonderful movies, let me tell you the bad news — all this year's major releases from Columbia have been total or semi-box office flops, and the studio is in fact in a state of turmoil. Last year, however, it did produce a few good movies, of which the last to be released (and then withdrawn) in Kuwait was the multi-Oscar winner *The Last Emperor*. The other Columbia Oscar nominee, which did not win any awards, was John Boorman's *Hope and Glory*. This beautiful and sensitive film was obviously too autobiographical and possibly too British in content to have mass appeal around the world. Like that other Oscar nominee *Empire of the Sun*, it tells the story of a young teenager's war years, this time in the centre of London, and evidently in Boorman's memory, they must have been real fun years. The movie captures the excitement of the German bombing raids — the noise and chaos, the burning houses, and the ruins to sift through in the coming weeks — the extra freedoms due to a father absent on duty, and a mother involved in the war effort, and of course the usual teenage goings on, aided and

VIDEO CORNER

A breath of fresh air

Daryl Hannah stars in *Roxanne*.

abetted by empty houses and a night-time blackout.

Columbia's biggest box office successes in 1987 were two other films — *La Bamba* and *Roxanne*.

La Bamba is the story of a teenage pop star Ritchie Valens, whose main claim to fame was a number one revamp of the title song, and his own early rock 'n' roll hit 'Donna'. Valens was a poor Mexican when rock music exploded onto the scene in the late 50's. With his guitar and a few lucky breaks, he hit the big time at the age of sixteen, only to die one year later in the same air crash that killed Buddy Holly and the Big Bopper. Personally I regretted both the latter much more than Valens, but there is

Steve Martin in *Roxanne*, the new comedy that updates the classic *Cyrano de Bergerac* tale.

no denying that the film *La Bamba* has great teenage appeal due to some good period rock music and dancing, as well as the sad story of another young death — 'better to burn out than to fade away'.

Roxanne is Steve Martin's latest and possibly the best movie. He plays a latter day *Cyrano de Bergerac* (the guy with the big nose), who like his predecessor falls for the beautiful *Roxanne*, and will do everything in his power to defend her virtue. In our

updated version, Martin is in fact the local fire chief, but his romantic notions and cavalier attitude soon get him into a series of very amusing scrapes.

Enough of Columbia for one week! One star whom we still cannot see in her top rating TV series is Shelley Long, as *Cheers* is a Paramount production. She now appears in a new comedy *Hello Again*, the story of a young woman who dies accidentally and is brought back to life by her sister. In her first life, she is married to a

stuffy plastic surgeon who spends his time in the right places with the right people. She feels very uncomfortable at the cocktail parties and gallery openings which they are expected to frequent. When she is resurrected, not only has the husband remarried her best friend, but everybody she used to know shuns her completely. The jokes are very slapstick and predictable, but apparently it was successful enough as a film to beget a new TV series of the same name, which will be coming to your screens shortly.

Subbuteo may not be everybody's cup of tea — in fact how many people know exactly what it is? Apparently this brand of table football claims over five million fanatics in 35 countries. In England teams such as Ajax, Rangers, Real, Falkirk and Cosmopolitan Manchester battle it out yearly for the championship. *Playing For Real* is a new British mini-series, which develops the story of Patricia, who never really got on with her father, but taking over the chairmanship of his team, and with the help of her favourite player, a miniature Charlie Nicholas complete with earnings, takes on the task of winning the league. Cheating, hooliganism, crowds roaring and even choruses of 'Abide with Me', accompany this deceptively skillful game, and although the series is basically a comedy, there is some attempt to do justice to its fans. Viewers who enjoyed series such as *Tutti Frutti*, should also appreciate this one.

One other film which has made a reappearance from the blacklist is *American Graffiti*, the George Lucas/Francis Ford Coppola film which spawned the *Happy Days* series. Although filmed in 1973, this is still one of the best 'growing up in small town America' films ever made.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

MORNING

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.15 Iftah Ya Simsim
- 9.45 News followed by Good Morning
- 10.00 Darb Al Zalaq: local serial, starring Khalid Al Nafisi, Abdul Hussain Abdul Rida, Saad Al Faraj, Ali Mufeedi.
- 10.45 News Summary
- 11.00 Al Zankalooni: Arabic serial, featuring Mohammad Rida, Athar Al Hakim, Laila Taher, Ahmad Abdul Waris.
- 12.10 The Magic of David Copperfield
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.05 Holy Quran/Closedown

EVENING

- 4.00 Holy Quran
- 4.15 World News via Satellite
- 4.45 Ra'ad Al Amlaq: cartoon serial
- 5.15 Tum Tek and Children
- 5.30 Songs and Music
- 6.00 La Ilallah: historical serial, starring: Laila Fawzi, Tayseer Fahmi, Rushwan Taufiq, Huda Sultan.
- 7.00 News Summary
- 7.30 Afaq Al Fann: focus on art, presented by Abdul Rasool Salman.
- 7.45 Housing: a local programme, hosted by Abdul Mohsin Al Bana.
- 8.30 Good Evening: daily roundup of local events.
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.50 Al Rayah Al Beidah: Arabic serial, starring Sana Jamil, Jamil Ratch, Samiya

Alan Thicke and Joanna Kerns in the family show *Growing Pains*, 7.30 pm, tonight on KTV 2.

KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 My Pet Monster: cartoon serial
- 6.30 Wo...derstruck: a science show for young viewers. Tonight, a look at magnetic force and medicine.
- 7.00 Pak: the story of little Sammy who lives with his grandparents but wants to join in his father's travels.
- 7.30 Growing Pains: "Not

the Necessary News." Maggie wants to find a job; Ben insists she stay at home.

8.00 News in English

8.40 Probe: detective series with Mickey and Austin, who agree to apply new gimmicks to play an old trade.

9.30 The Secret World: documentary

10.00 What's Happening Now: "Raj Returns." Raj wants to reopen his restaurant and sets out to get finance.

10.30 L.A. Law

11.30 News Summary

11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

Romancing the brain — rambling, messy fun

By Fathima Ahmed

"I THINK I'd like to kiss you. Would you like that?" He asks. "I'd like that very much," she coos. There is only one minor problem. "She" is a disembodied brain living in a jar. He is a brilliant brain-surgeon, trapped in a love-less marriage.

No cause for panic, though. He has come prepared with all the paraphernalia — a pair of plastic lips, trendy hat and scarf and eatables — for an apparently 'memorable' romantic outing on the lake.

This is just one of several oddities that have you in splits in *The Man With Two Brains*, an unconventional romantic triangle between a doctor, his wife and a disembodied brain living in a fishbowl. Very shaky premise indeed for a romance, but Carl Reiner's script and direction turn it into rambling, messy fun — provided you put

your brain in neutral.

The brilliant brain surgeon Michael Hefner (emphasis on rolling r's) falls in love with the brain after the "object" responds to his romantic ballad sung in the confines of a "lab" built in a condo. Once in love, he starts looking for a "home" for his newfound love — Ms Ulleymeye, or something to that effect.

The brain, voiced by Sissy Spacek, pronounces... this 'verrrry' difficult name correctly, one reason the genius-doctor adores "it" because no one else could "ever say my name correctly."

It sounds silly but there are plenty of laughs, particularly in Dr Neccassuti's (David Warner) lab — a seemingly impenetrable, fort with walls that are not all that safe as the hapless doctor finds out after shattering one by leaning against it.

What does a man do when a

sensuous wife (Kathleen Turner) who keeps him at arm's length? Dr Hefner declares his marriage "null and void" each time she delicately rejects his amorous advances. Frustrated he locks himself in his study — pushed further into the arms of the other woman — or rather the jar falls into the lap of the doctor. But when the wife wants to jump off the building, he walks precariously on falling debris from a thin ledge some eight floors high — with the woman hanging from his neck.

The next moment we see the doctor uttering sweet nothings into the ear of the — well — brain. An "object" could, certainly, not satisfy the doctor's erotic fantasies — neither does the wife. So he gets a brainwave — hunt for a "body" to transplant the brain. The "body hunt" is far more difficult than the doctor expects with zany one-liners like a snippet from a conversation in a morgue: "She

has no life, no vavoom!" "Ah! she's dead you know."

Also amusing is the part about finding out the identity of the "elevator killer."

Steve Martin is gloriously funny as the doctor, fumbling, bumbling and finally, stumbling with the "brain"-turned-wife, who forgets to tell him about her most compulsive habit, into his family mansion. Kathleen Turner as the vengeful wife exudes sexuality, first seducing the doctor and then spurning his advances.

After seeing the film, one gets the feeling that it's all — love, hate, whatever — in the mind. *The Man With Two Brains* is a 1983 production, lasting 93 minutes, and is recommended as a collector's item for your film library.

The above films are by courtesy of VFI, Fintias/Farwaniya; Video Nurf, Tel: 2432809; and Video Club, Salmiya. Tel: 5724372.

WHAT'S ON

CINEMA

Children's Film
OCT 5 (Wed): 6 pm/Oct 6, 10.30 am: British Council, Mansouriya. Children's film *Asterix the Gaul*, 67 minutes, will be shown. Children of all nationalities welcome. Admission free but please reserve seats. Tel: 251-5512; 253-3204; 253-3227.

MUSIC

Kuwait Singers
MONDAY/SATURDAY: 7.30 pm: Rehearsals for the December concert at Gulf English School, Salwa. New members welcome. For enquiries call 3940770 ext. 56 or 5384873.

East meets West
OCT 6: IAC 6.30 pm: "East meets West," a musical evening, by The Fams with Hindi, Punjabi, Malayalam, Tamil, Konkani, Arabic and Western music. Lead vocalist: Susan Rego. For entry by pass: Tel: 2409250; 4743948 or IAC — 3904817.

Beat Show
OCT 14: IAC. Funitees. 3.30 pm: The Kuwait Goan Beat Show: four-hours of non-stop music featuring six brass bands — City Limits, 5th Dimensions, Perfect Stranger, Stepping Stones, Next of Kin and Top Ranks. Organised by the Kuwait Goans.

Mousetrap Theatre
OCT 19/20: Mousetrap Theatre, 8 pm: a piano recital by Thalia Myers. Tickets available from New English School, 8 am to 1 pm, 4-6 pm. Tel: 5318060; 5318061.

Guitar Recital
OCT 19: Kuwait Hilton: Concert of German guitarist and composer Wolfgang Condin. "Hymns of Eternity," one of Condin's most significant compositions will be featured in his concert along with works by J.S. Bach and H. Villa-Lobos. Tickets are available from the Hilton lobby.



● An Italian Festival is being held in Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop at Kuwait's Holiday Inn hotel. During the week, 40 varieties of Italian pasta, prepared by "master of Italian cuisine" Mario Ragni, will be featured. Above: Guitarist Andrea Arrighi playing Italian music at Al Ahmadi.

Sounds Great
OCT 19-22: Seats can now be reserved for the Sounds Great Pop-Rock Musical to be performed at the Salwa Cinema from Oct 19-22. Reservations by ringing 5740256/7; 5756888/5758060, ext. 263 but tickets must be collected from Salmiya Cinema Box office by Friday, Oct 14. Tickets also available from the box office nightly from 5-9 pm from Oct 8.

Rock the Night
SHORTLY: Auditions for male singers for Sounds Great rock concert due to be held on Nov 23/24. Tel: Montazer — 5740256/7.

THEATRE

Bengali Play
OCT 27/28: 6.30 pm, Mousetrap Theatre. The Mou-chak Group, a Bangladeshi theatre company, presents "Ballav Purer Rupkatha, a fairy tale. For reservations phone A. Karim — 2627643; Dr Hyder — 5625456; Heron — 4893424.

Konkani Drama
OCT 7: IAC. Funitees. 4 pm: Konkani drama entitled "Xim Vo Ximiteer"; written and directed by Cajetan De Sanvordem. Marcus Vaz, Xavier Gomes, featuring the Mendes

Brothers. Entry passes available at Raja Stores.

Kuwait Players Opening Ball
OCT 13: Holiday Inn, Ballroom. Kuwait Players' opening ball. Cocktails at 7.30 pm; dinner and entertainment by the K.P. Band. Dress: formal. Membership discount applies. For reservations contact the social secretary on Tel: 3941572.

KLT
OCT 6: Thursday, 11.30 am to 12.30 pm, at KLT, Ahmadi. Auditions for children to dance in the pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk.

MEETINGS

Kuwait Players Special A.G.M.
OCT 10: 8.30 pm, Kuwait Players special annual general meeting in Al Fox Room, Messilah Beach Hotel; for members only.

SPORTS

Daniella Tennis
CALLING all members of the Danish community to register for the forthcoming tennis tournament. Competition is open for players with all levels of skill — singles, doubles and

mixed doubles will be played. Register between Oct 11 to Oct 18. Tel: Lene 2544988, 8 am - 12 noon.

Scuba Diving
NAVY scuba diving club starting up again. Call Frank: 4830570; 4830474.

Varca Carrom Tournament
OCT 7: Varca Carrom tournament for doubles begins. Those interested to take part can contact Thomas (Babit) Tel: 3261888 ext. 2259, 9 am-2.30 pm. Last date for entries is Oct 5. Draw will be held on Oct 6, 6 pm, at the home of Thomas Fernandes, organiser.

Ahmedi Karting
OCT 7: Ahmedi kart racing at the KOC track, Ahmedi. First race starts at 1.30 pm. Spectators and new members welcome. Tel: Simon Lloyd — 3980876.

Rugby Match
OCT 6: Rugby match at the Ahmedi rugby pitch, kick-off: 2.30 pm.

PSAK Bowling Tournament
OCT 6: 6.30 pm, 300 Club. Men's Division: Far East Rest. vs Al Nageeb & Khattar, Phil. Supreme vs 300 Club; Mag-nolia ice cream vs Kay Asso. OCT 7: 1 pm. Men's Division: Phil Supreme vs Satellite Co; PFA Shuaiba vs 300 Club; Hatid Ligaya vs Al Qabandi. Women's Division: 9 am Mag-nolia vs God's Kay; Boodai vs Far East Rest.

Tug of War Competition
OCT 21: United Goans Centre will hold tug of war competition. Competitors are requested to contact organisers on 21/10 at Al Soor Ground for entry forms.

Laser Club
NOV 4: Start of the Messilah Beach Laser Club's winter racing season. Laser owners and others interested are welcome. Instruction available. For details contact D. Clark — 2425947; P. Shepherd — 5314957; 4841513; P. Berry — 3924174.

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ART is a lie that enables us to realize the truth — Pablo Picasso, Spanish artist (1881-1973).

US vice-president's job

Sometimes important, sometimes ridiculous

By Alexander G. Higgins

WASHINGTON, (AP): The US vice-presidency is a job that has sometimes been important, but has just as often been ridiculed as insignificant, even by some of the people who have held it.

Today, vice-presidential rivals Lloyd Bentsen and Dan Quayle face each other in a debate. The debate itself could affect the outcome of the presidential race between Michael Dukakis and George Bush.

But once the election is decided, little may be heard again of the vice-presidential winner as he toils deep in the shadows of the president.

John Nance Garner, Franklin Roosevelt's vice-president in the 1930s, described the vice-presidency as "a spare tire on the automobile of government."

It is mainly as a replacement for the president that the vice-president becomes important, but in recent decades, presidents have given their vice-presidents more meaningful work.

Silence
Otherwise, a term as vice-president can be "four years of silence," said Alban Barkley, vice-president under Harry Truman.

The colourful Truman, who moved up from vice-president to president on the death of Roosevelt in 1945, said the office was "about as useful as a cow's fifth teat." And Garner, retired to the plains of west Texas, also used an earthy comparison in writing off the job as "not worth a bucket of warm spit (saliva)."

Americans vote for a combination of presidential and vice-presidential candidates on one ticket and usually base their decision on their favourite for the top job.

But in a close race — as this year's election is expected to be — a good or bad impression made by the vice-presidential candidate could be enough to change the outcome.

Democrats, pointing to Quayle's youth and inexperience, are quick to remind voters that if Bush wins on Nov. 8, Quayle would be "only a heartbeat away" from taking over if Bush should die or become incapacitated during his four-year term.

The scary "heartbeat away" phrase has been used repeatedly since the 1950s to call attention to the inadequacy of a vice-presidential candidate and to

remind voters that they elect a vice-president as well as a president.

Eight of the 40 US presidents have died in office and been succeeded by their vice-presidents.

Bush reportedly chose Sen. Quayle, 41, partly on the basis of a good showing he made in a televised debate against Bentsen last spring. Republicans need Quayle to demonstrate his competence and to appear more dynamic than the 67-year-old Democrat.

Bentsen, a senator from Texas, was chosen by Dukakis to challenge Bush — also a Texan — in that key state, and he has been spending much of his time campaigning only there.

In the debate, Quayle could well argue that he and Bentsen hold similar views and agree with the average American voter.

Dukakis and Bentsen have criticized both Bush and Quayle and asserted that Bush's choice of his running mate demonstrated a lack of judgement that a president needs for choosing appointees for the cabinet and other offices.

Bush's refusal to oppose President Ronald Reagan's policies in public, in fact, has left him open to criticism from Dukakis that he failed to avert such mistakes as the Iran-Contra scandal and close ties to Panamanian Gen. Manuel Noriega. Originally, the vice-president was whoever placed second in the presidential election. But the constitution was soon amended to allow for running mates because conflicts between president and vice-president created discord in the administration.

The job of vice-president has been ridiculed almost from the beginning.

John Adams, who in the 1790s served as the first vice-president and then went on to become president, described it as "the most insignificant office that ever the invention of man contrived."

In the 1931 musical "Of Thee I Sing," incompetent Vice-President Alexander Throbottom was so excluded from power that he had to join a tour group to visit the White House.

Only this century did vice-presidents begin attending cabinet meetings regularly. President Dwight Eisenhower strengthened the office in the 1950s, putting Richard Nixon in charge of the cabinet in the president's absence.

Illness makes Japanese aware of emperor

By Nao Nakanishi

TOKYO, (Reuters): Emperor Hirohito's illness has brought him to the forefront of Japanese media attention and made many people, especially the young, aware of a man they knew about only dimly.

Some analysts, looking back to the nationalistic mood before World War II, have expressed concern.

"I fear something similar to the pre-war period could happen," Inada Nada, a psychiatrist and author, told Reuters.

He said Japan's media had looked only for respectful reactions to the illness and did not report dissenting views.

Toshihiko Hara, a sociologist at Tokai University, agreed.

"If you give as much coverage as we see now, you can mobilise the people on any matter. I imagine it was like this during the war when Japan's people were forced to devote their life to the emperor," he said.

Sympathy
Hara said many young people were going to the palace to register their sympathy for Hirohito because it was fashionable. Older people were cancelling social events as they did not want to stand out in Japan's conformist society.

More than two million people, young and old, have braved persistent rain and long queues to sign registers at the Imperial Palace in central Tokyo and elsewhere.

Throughout Japan, events ranging from traditional harvest festivals, sports meetings at schools, political fund-raisers, department store sales and even marriages have been cancelled or postponed out of respect for the emperor.

Interrupt
The situation changed when Hirohito collapsed on Sept. 19. Television stations interrupt their programmes every hour to report what little information they have on his condition.

Newspapers are filled with medical statistics, doctors' comments and pictures of the queues of well-wishers and subjects who kneel in the mud outside the palace moat to pray for the world's longest reigning monarch.

Some members of the public may not be happy with the fuss. Nada said television stations had shown him hundreds of letters complaining that films or Olympic broadcasts had been interrupted by the medical bulletins.

Disquiet
Hara said that people who feel betrayed by the emperor — through their experiences either during and after the war or during the student movement of the 1960s — probably have a cynical reaction but this is not seen and reported so easily.

Japan's government, which has criticised the way palace officials have kept themselves in the spotlight during the last two weeks, has expressed disquiet over public reaction.

After seven years in power

By John Rogers

CAIRO, (Reuters): Hosni Mubarak starts his eighth year as president of Egypt this week, picking his way through political minefields which appear ever more dangerous.

But the 60-year-old former Air Force commander, noted for stolid plain speaking rather than dramatic gestures, seems unlikely to alter his approach.

Caution remains the hallmark of his domestic policy as he seeks to contain Islamic militancy and grapples with worsening economic problems which threaten to spark social unrest.

"He wants to maintain a moderate, centrist state that is freer than most in the Arab world," said a Western diplomat. "But the worse the economy gets, the more difficult his job is."

Backing

In foreign relations, he has presided over Egypt's return to acceptability in the Arab world after nearly a decade as an outcast because of its peace pact with Israel. He has retained close ties with the West and improved relations with Moscow.

Foreign backing is important in easing the most populous Arab state through a prolonged

Mubarak's problems worsen

economic crisis. Gulf Arab states are now pumping more aid and investment money into Egypt, while Mubarak has carefully nurtured US and West European support.

Both Egyptian and foreign analysts say he likes to rule by consensus. Most foreigners see this as a strength, but some Egyptians regard compromise decision-making as a weakness.

They recall Egypt's dramas under strongman Gamal Abdel Nasser, who nationalised the Suez Canal, or Anwar Sadat, who flouted Arab opinion to establish relations with Israel.

Fairer

Nonetheless, Egyptians accept Mubarak — or at least have concluded there is no obvious alternative to the stocky, dour vice-president who was thrust to power when Muslim zealots gunned down Sadat on Oct. 6, 1981.

A potential successor could be Field Marshal Abdel-Hakim Abu Ghazala, the defence minister. But Western diplomats say he shows no open interest in power and appears content to run the huge military machine which

underpins the government.

Mubarak's supporters say he runs a fairer, less oppressive system than his predecessors, allowing the opposition a greater say in parliament and through its newspapers, although the ruling National Democratic Party has a crushing legislative majority.

Opposition outside parliament is kept in check by emergency laws, renewed recently for three years, which empower police to detain suspects without charges.

Interior Minister Zaki Badr keeps a tight rein on protests by Muslim activists and other dissidents. The opposition accuses Badr, a former police general, of using excessive force.

Five people were killed in clashes between Muslim militants and police in Cairo in August. Socialist Ibrahim Shukri, who heads the small left-Islamic opposition in the people's assembly, says Mubarak listens too much to his aides and too little to ordinary people.

"Maybe it's because of his previous experience as a pilot. He had to look at the gauges and

take readings," Shukri told Reuters in an interview. "Now, before taking a decision he has to take all the readings first."

"All his decisions are trying to balance the situation. Sometimes decisions have to be taken that unbalance the situation but are the right decisions."

Balance

Mubarak has turned consensus-based caution into government policy in meeting his biggest challenge — reforming the economy without igniting street riots. He aims to prevent Muslim fundamentalists and other pressure groups exploiting grumbles over rising prices.

He envisages reforms over 10 years and sees no quick fix for problems which include high population growth, \$40 billion of foreign debt, a legacy of sluggish state industries and subsidies on vital goods and reliance on slumping oil prices for dollar income.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF), whose aid is vital to Egypt, wants faster action to raise energy prices towards

world levels, reduce the budget deficit and increase consumer prices.

"I can't raise prices at one time by 40 per cent because nobody would be able to survive," Mubarak said after recent inconclusive negotiations on an IMF aid package. "It would not be an IMF operation, it would be slaughter."

Accused

He accused the Fund of behaving like a quack doctor trying to force a single huge dose down Egypt's throat rather than a daily pill.

Egypt views itself as a special case because of its strategic location at the junction of Europe, the Middle East and Africa, its control of the Suez Canal and its role as the only Arab state pledged to peace with Israel.

For years, this argument has found favour in Western chanceries. Egypt last year won IMF standby balance of payments help on exceptionally soft terms and rescheduled more than \$6 billion in official debt instalments to the West.

Although Cairo later failed to

meet IMF policy requirements, a deal with the fund is expected in coming months which should enable Egypt to reschedule a further \$4 billion of debt payments to Western governments.

Price

Egypt's 52 million people, many desperately poor, have so far accepted gradual price rises blamed by the opposition on IMF demands.

But grumbling is increasing. When Mubarak scrapped the usual September bonus paid to every family for start-of-term school expenses, textile workers went on strike for two days.

The introduction of better quality bread from government bakeries costing five piastres (2.5 cents) — more than double the old lower quality loaf — was widely seen as a way to raise the price of the poor man's heavily subsidised staple food.

Egyptians appear stoically to accept tough conditions most of the time. But, in a volatile country, the future is unpredictable.

Mubarak's most serious security crisis blew up unexpectedly one night in 1986 when thousands of police conscripts ran riot. More than 100 people were killed before troops restored order.



A Hezb-I-Islami guerrilla aims a US-made Stinger missile during a training exercise in the mujahedeen rebel training camp at Kundera, east of Kandahar. (Reuters wirephoto)

War in Afghanistan

By Adam Kellihier

KABUL, Afghanistan, (UPI): US made Stingers and similar anti-aircraft missiles changed the nature of the war in Afghanistan and are believed to be a key factor in Moscow's decision to withdraw its troops after a nine-year struggle.

Soviet and Afghan pilots developed a variety of tactics and countermeasures in an attempt to lessen the threat from the Stingers, British-made "Blowpipes", and captured Soviet "Sam-7s" but never were able to successfully blunt the threat posed by the high-tech weapons.

"The Stingers are over there, beyond those first mountains," said Jamaluddin, as he directed his Yak-40 passenger jet in a tight upward spiral. They usually do not fire at civilian planes, but today they may be in a bad mood.

Air travel in Afghanistan usually involves perilous banking manoeuvres until the plane is well beyond missile range, firing flares to thwart heat-seeking

Stingers forced Moscow to withdraw

homing mechanisms and offering silent prayers that nobody is aiming at you.

The portable anti-aircraft missiles initially were introduced to the rebels as a defence against the Soviet's total superiority.

They allowed guerrillas to go on the offensive, compelling Kabul and Moscow to invest heavily in "sanitizing" areas around airbases, abandon using aircraft for close combat support and rely more on inaccurate high-altitude bombing.

Experts say the Stingers altered the nature of the conflict and dramatically escalated its economic cost for Moscow, which had to sustain the regular event of multimillion dollar aircraft being blown out of the sky.

"Hindsight will tell us that Stingers were the catalyst for the Soviet withdrawal," said one Western diplomat. "Since its introduction in late 1986, search

and destroy operations have no longer been practical and there has been a subsequent boost in rebel morale."

Afghan and Soviet officials said seven civilian aircraft have been downed by Stingers, but gave no figures of the toll of military aviation. Western diplomats in Pakistan estimated more than 250 aircraft had been downed by the missiles.

The innocuous-looking Stinger is a 5-foot green pipe with an electronic firing mechanism. Total weight, 35 pounds. Its heat-seeking projectile has a 3-mile range and, according to experts, 70 per cent accuracy against any aircraft that strays within its sight inside a 30-degree arc.

Two Stingers — captioned as "lethal gifts of President Reagan" — are among captured weapons at Kabul's war museum, along with one Blowpipe, a heavier device with a shorter range but regarded as more accurate due to its advanced acoustic homing system.

"This works like a computer," said Afghan Brig. Sayed Habibullah, hoisting a Stinger onto his shoulder. "You just push the button and shoot."

The Stinger generally can be fired with impunity and surprise. Soviet soldiers said rebels frequently launch the rocket and then disappear into a "kharez", an ancient system of irrigation tunnels.

Soviet and Afghan authorities have responded with a variety of countermeasures.

As Jamaluddin demonstrated, pilots ascend in tight corkscrews above airport to avoid flying over rebel-controlled territory until they reach a safe 23,000 feet (7,000m).

Military aircraft spew out numerous flares and engine exhaust nozzles have been redirected upwards to try to confuse a Stinger's infrared tracking device. Analysts said the Soviets have placed armoured mesh around some engines to absorb and survive the blast of Stinger, which does not carry a very powerful charge.

By Oliver Wates

ISLAMABAD, (Reuters): Nothing seems to go wrong for Pakistan's Benazir Bhutto these days. In the last seven weeks her bitterest political foe has died in a plane crash, she has given birth to a son, and a supreme court ruling has brought her a step closer to power.

Even the mass murder and ethnic rioting which have taken over 250 lives in her native Sind province in the past three days have brought her a certain political bonus by opening up her opponents in government to attacks over law and order.

With national elections six weeks away, the once unlikely prospect of a 35-year-old woman becoming prime minister of this Muslim nation of 104 million people is being taken more seriously every day.

Strength

Western and Pakistani analysts caution that Benazir Bhutto's political strength has yet to be tested at the polls. But they are unanimous in seeing her Pakistan People's Party (PPP) as a major contender and Sunday's court verdict as a shot in the arm.

"They're on a winning streak now, it's very important to create that image," Maleeha Lodhi, editor of the Islamabad daily The Muslim, commented.

The supreme court ordered unanimously that the Nov 16 elections should be held on a party basis. This allows the PPP, easily Pakistan's biggest opposition party, to use a single national electoral symbol, a key factor in a country where three-quarters of the electorate are illiterate.

"The poor illiterate people in

the villages and far-flung areas will also have a chance to vote for their party," Benazir's mother Nusrat Bhutto said in an interview on Monday.

"If it had not been on a party basis there would have been so many symbols it would have caused confusion and chaos. It was certainly good news."

Welcomed

The government of acting President Ghulam Ishaq Khan accepted the ruling, which was not unexpected, with good grace. Benazir hailed the decision as "historic" and it was welcomed by all opposition parties.

Lodhi said it was likely to increase the "bandwagon effect" in favour of the PPP which began with the death in a mystery plane crash on Aug 17 of the party's mortal enemy, military President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq.

Zia ousted Benazir's father Zulfikar Ali Bhutto in a coup in 1977 and presided over his hanging. The analysts said she could never have prospered politically while he remained in power.

"Most important is likely to be the psychological effect (of the court decision)," Lodhi said. "The PPP's winner image is going to be enhanced."

Even before the court decision, 18,000 people had applied for PPP party tickets for the 237 National Assembly seats and 460 places in the four provincial assemblies, Nusrat said.

"After the judgment more will come, all those who were sitting on the fence," she said.

The ruling was a direct contradiction of Zia's wishes. He presided over widely-boycotted non-party elections in 1985 and had said the November polls too should be on a non-party basis. It was the second judicial snub

in a week to the late military ruler. The Lahore High Court earlier ruled that he acted illegally when he dismissed the National Assembly in May.

The PPP's main opponents are expected to be the Pakistan Muslim League (FIDA) headed by Zia appointees still in office, especially the four provincial chief ministers.

Ishaq Khan has rejected opposition demands that they be sacked to prevent any election rigging. But fears of a postponement or cancellation seem to be receding.

Delaying

Justice Minister Wasim Sajjad ruled out the idea of delaying the polls at a news conference on Sunday.

More significantly in a country ruled by the military for more than half its existence, Army chief General Mirza Aslam Beg has promised to ensure that free and fair elections go ahead on schedule.

"I believe him and I think it is clear they will go ahead on time," Nusrat Bhutto said. She described Beg's performance since he succeeded Zia as chief of Army staff as "excellent."

Benazir is due to resume active campaigning in a few days, following the Casuarina birth of her first child on Sept. 21. "She has been on the telephone all the time, she is full of beans," her mother said.

The birth has not only freed Pakistan's biggest crowd-puller to campaign energetically, but also provided the Bhutto "dynasty" with an heir.

The charisma of the executed prime minister is still at the heart of the PPP's appeal to poor Pakistanis and his portrait dominates party rallies.

Norway's cold war secrets spark debate

● Seamen serving with Norway's merchant fleet, one of the largest in the world, were employed as spies against North Korea, China and other communist countries. Britain and the US requested such a network of spies, codenamed "Delfinus."

● Norway, which occupies a strategic vital position on NATO's north flank, trained Finns as agents and infiltrated them into the Soviet Union across its new borders with the country.

● Norwegian authorities gave permission for the top secret US U2 spy plane to be based in northern Norway, but were not told that it conducted missions inside the Soviet Union.

Embarrassed

Martens Meyer knew this, but did not report it to the government. When a U2 crashed in the Soviet Union in 1960, sparking an international furor, the news deeply embarrassed the Norwegian government.

Newspapers have alleged that the use of civilians for spying and conducting operations outside the boundaries of the NATO alliance were a clear breach of Norwegian policy, and that governments were kept in the dark about what was going on. "The revelations are embarrassing," wrote Verdens Gang, Norway's biggest selling newspaper, in a recent editorial which called for a government inquiry into the affair.

"For years, things went on that were in clear conflict with Norwegian security policy. Is this still the case?"

Defence Minister Johan Joer-

gen Holst has said that current intelligence operations are within the law and national policy, but has declined to comment on the contents of the book.

"The head of the armed forces will decide if there should be a prosecution when we have studied the book carefully," said Colonel Gullow Gjeseth, spokesman for Norway's Defence Command.

Prosecution

"What interests us the most is whether any damage has been done to national security," he added. "It would be very sad if any intelligence officer decided that he could break his oath of silence when he leaves the service."

But the authorities have not tried to stop distribution of the book.

Christensen has no regrets. "No one should have to keep quiet for ever. If Martens Meyer and I had not done this, it would have been lost as an important part of Norwegian history," he said.

"I cannot think that the state will put pressure on us. We have not damaged national security."

Destroyed

Christensen said he assumed that most of the secret documents linked with the operations had been destroyed. He also said he used many other sources in Norwegian intelligence to check Martens Meyer's information.

Responding to suggestions that Norway's "cold war" spying activities were wrong because they broke with declared national policy, Christensen said:

سلامت اولی

By Kathy Cuddihy

Dear Mrs Cuddihy,
Your son is in 4th grade now. In the intermediate school we try to instill in the children a sense of dressing properly. May we therefore please remind you that shorts are no longer permitted at school, except in Phys. Ed. class where they must be zipperless.

Thank you for your immediate co-operation.
Yours sincerely,
Mrs Mannequin
4th Grade

Dear Mrs Mannequin,
I have received your note with some surprise (my son doesn't usually deliver notes from teachers). The contents of the note were even more surprising. Are you insinuating that when my son wears shorts he is improperly dressed? I admit his legs are a bit spindly, but they're usually moving so fast that surely no one would actually get a visual fix on them. And I can assure you that his wardrobe of brand new shorts is far more presentable than his ratty-tatty collection of hand-me-down jeans. We keep them because they seem to be the fashion with young boys, and this is certainly what I see many of the other children wearing to school. I've checked with their mothers and they haven't received any notes reminding them to garb their sons "properly". I can therefore only question your judgement on what is "proper" dressing.

Concerning the dress code for P.E., my son has lived all his little life in zipperless shorts. He's immensely proud to finally qualify for shorts "like

Yours sincerely

Daddy wears". I fear regression may traumatize the child.
I suppose my co-operation is inevitable, but don't count on its immediacy.

Grudgingly,
P.S. Are there any tall 3rd grade children who still dress improperly and might be able to use 8 pairs of impeccable shorts (with zippers)?

Dear Mrs Cuddihy,
I have to admit, my curiosity has finally got the better of me: have you signed any homework sheets/permission slips/absentee forms for your son lately?

The reason I ask is that due to a recently discovered talent displayed by your son, we are led to believe that your signature is not actually yours. Today we caught the boy submitting a forged note to his gym teacher excusing him from class due to health reasons. We got suspicious when the note was written on scrap paper with frayed edges... and when it cited "pre-menstrual tension" as the cause of the "illness".

We are alarmed that the forgery is such good quality and feel that you should be informed urgently. We have taken disciplinary action at school but you will probably agree that parental involvement is also required.

Yours sincerely,
J.L. Warden
Principal

Dear Warden,
Did you really send me a note yesterday, or was that one of my son's clever tricks? The handwriting

certainly looks yours, so I'll take a chance and reply.
Aside from the fact that yours is supposed to be a progressive school which should encourage any and all talents in the children under your care, I do feel that your concerns are misplaced. Who cares about forged homework slips, etc? What I have to find out is whether the little genius has been using my cheque book!

With alarm,
P.S. If my son doesn't bother to deliver this note to you, perhaps you could call and let me know. Maybe you'd better call anyway, just in case in the note he delivers isn't the note I wrote.

Dear Mrs Cuddihy,
Due to your son's unseemly behaviour in class, I must regrettably inform you that I feel it would be best if he stays home tomorrow. This "cooling down" period should give him a chance to reflect on the foolishness of his mischievous activities.

I am the first to admit that there is a time and place for everything, but this certainly does not include placing a cardboard shoe box (with a very loose-fitting lid) FULL OF COCKROACHES under my desk.

Perhaps you can do something to stifle the child's fertile imagination. Please be aware that if these pranks continue, the next suspension may be permanent!

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Mannequin
4th Grade
Dear Mrs Mannequin,
You are probably

wondering why my son is bringing you this note when he is supposed to stay at home today. I can only ask, "Whom are you trying to punish?"

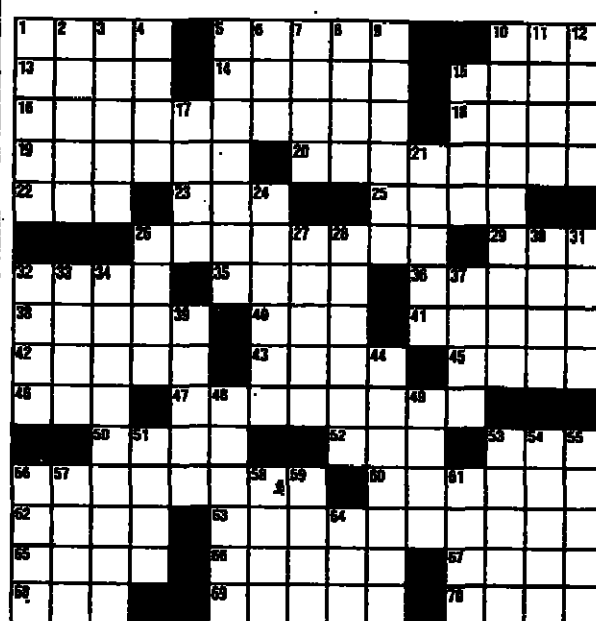
If my son stays home on a school day without the excuse of being sick, I am the one who will suffer. Apart from the fact that I will have to interrupt my work to feed him at regular (and frequent) intervals, I will probably have to entertain him so that (1) he doesn't get into more trouble; (2) he doesn't spend the day whining that "there's nothing to do." I would probably also be stuck with my daughter because she would keep crying "It's not fair that he gets to stay home and I don't until I would have to give in just for a bit of peace."

You teachers are supposed to be able to cope. While I may have the edge on you in experience with this particular problem you have the professional training (don't you?). I think the ball is in your court, but if it's any consolation, the main player has promised that he won't incur anymore penalties... at least for the rest of the week.

In hope,
P.S. Are you sure you're not just trying to get even with me because his tatty jeans have zippers?

PPS. I should warn you that by the time this note reaches you it might be a clever forgery. We've been having a bit of trouble in that area, too. If you think the choice of words doesn't look like mine, get suspicious. On the other hand, if my son says it better, let it pass. The original wasn't all that sympathetic or polite.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 "There'll Be — Time..."
 - 5 "Call Me —"
 - 10 Sauna site
 - 13 Agatha Christie locale
 - 14 Acoustom
 - 15 — a Male War Bride": 1949 Grant film
 - 16 Stadium seating
 - 18 Certain tide
 - 19 Hearty soup
 - 20 Hammock
 - 22 Out of the ordinary
 - 23 Brown of renown
 - 25 Do an usher's job
 - 26 Nonsense
 - 29 Jan. and Feb.
 - 32 Down with rum
 - 35 Disasterous
 - 36 Turn away
 - 38 Port city of Japan
 - 40 Darling of baseball
 - 41 Rental agreement
 - 42 Prepares, as vegetables
 - 43 "When I was —"
 - 45 Sleep like —
 - 46 Burdened beast
 - 47 In haste
- DOWN**
- 2 Before Saxon
 - 3 Took on
 - 4 "Charlie Chan" portrayer
 - 6 Warner
 - 7 Camp sight
 - 8 Direct wrongly
 - 9 Barbecue
 - 10 Butinsky
 - 11 Kind of citizenship
 - 12 Florence's river
 - 13 Jellyfish
 - 14 Confession
 - 15 TV host of fame
 - 16 Jack
 - 17 Vipers
 - 18 "Benson"
 - 19 Swenson
 - 20 Pickle type
- 21 Its capital is Kathmandu**
- 24 Notebook selection**
- 26 Sweet treat**
- 27 Danish elf**
- 28 Supply a new title**
- 30 Thereabouts**
- 31 Football**
- 32 Fullness**
- 33 21 Down continent**
- 34 Retrace one's steps**
- 37 Parmigiana ingredient**
- 39 Colorado resort**
- 44 Late**
- 48 Williams of Hollywood**
- 49 Half a panda's name**
- 51 Sty sound**
- 53 Quiver item**
- 54 Plant perch**
- 55 Debt clearer**
- 56 Thirst quencher**
- 57 In addition**
- 58 Large kangaroo**
- 59 Bit of liquid**
- 61 Ranch of a sort**
- 64 Before JFK**

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
NEGATIVE INFERENCE, POSITIVE RESULT

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH

♠ A 10 8 2

♥ 8 4

♦ A Q 10 4

♣ J 6 4

WEST

♠ K Q J 6 4

♥ A J 3

♦ K 7 6 5

♣ K

EAST

♠ 9 7 3

♥ K 10 6 5 2

♦ 9 8 3

♣ 9 3

SOUTH

♠ 5

♥ Q 9 7

♦ J 2

♣ A Q 10 8 7 5 2

The bidding:

South West North East

Pass 1 ♠ Pass Pass

2 ♠ 2 ♦ 3 ♠ 3 ♠

4 ♠ Pass 5 ♠ Pass

Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♠

There are various factors to take into account when you try to build a picture of the opponents' holdings—what they have and have not done in the auction, and particularly the choice of opening lead. The latter is a positive inference. For instance, if a defender selects the queen of an unbid suit as his opening lead, you can infer that he holds the jack but not the king. The negative inferences, based on what a player did not do, are often more accurate, since the defender might have chosen to make a deceptive lead.

When this hand was played in a world championship match between

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

DARE PALER ABBA
EGOS OBELI ERRS
BASKETBALL RAIN
TRAIL ISSEI NNE
MELEE NADER
REMOVE NANCY
USA EDITOR AWAY
SPRINGBOARDIVE
TYRO EITHER NEG
ONERS SEBERG
DOWSE TATAR
EBB LABOR MACHIO
LEON PENTATHLON
LANA SEDER MENU
SHEM ENOLS AWES



"...or would you rather I called back this evening, when your husband is home?"



"You realize you can't stay the night."

Is your love a passing fancy?

By Alex Molloy

THE person walks into the room and you start to shake. Your hands sweat, your tummy turns over and you go weak at the knees. Your cheeks are burning, it is love at first sight...or is it?

Are your feelings mixed up and you find it is lust and not love you have fallen in? Do this fun quiz and find out.

1. What is your ideal evening with your partner?
(a) A walk on the beach
(b) Watching television?
(c) Dancing the night away?
(d) Eating

2. What do you like best about your partner?
(a) Their brain?
(b) Their sense of humour?
(c) Their body?
(d) Their money?

3. What was your reaction when you first saw your partner?
(a) Admiration?
(b) What a beauty?
(c) I wonder how much they earn?
(d) Cor?

4. What is the most important thing in your relationship?
(a) Mutual happiness?
(b) Your partner's money?
(c) Your money?
(d) Your sex life?

Do you look at the opposite sex and fall instantly in love, or does your love grow slowly? Do this fun quiz and find out if your partner is a passing fling or the real thing..

5. What did you buy your partner for their birthday?
(a) A record?
(b) After shave or perfume?
(c) Pyjamas?
(d) Naughty underwear?

6. Would you leave your partner if they:
(a) two-timed you?
(b) wanted to marry you?
(c) lost their looks?
(d) weren't affectionate anymore?

7. How would you describe your partner to your friends?
(a) Kind and loveable?
(b) Something special?
(c) Reliable?
(d) Hot stuff?

8. How would you dress for an evening at home with your partner?
(a) In something sexy?
(b) In casual clothes?
(c) Wear something you know they like?
(d) Wear nothing but a smile?

9. Do you see your partner as:
(a) the father or mother of your children?
(b) someone who can afford to give you a cushy life?

(c) the fashion accessory you have always wanted?
(d) the right person until someone better comes along?

10. Have you ever felt in love with anyone else?
(a) No.
(b) Lot of times.
(c) Only with special people.
(d) You do not feel that much for anyone.

11. When did you feel hooked on your partner?
(a) The moment you saw them?
(b) The first time they touched you?
(c) The first time you saw the size of their wallet?
(d) You are still not hooked?

12. If you have not seen your partner for a few days, do you:
(a) dream about them?
(b) look out for someone else?
(c) telephone them as often as you can?
(d) yearn to see them?

Now see if you scored mostly a's, b's, c's or d's
Mostly a's. This seems to be the

real thing. You are in love with your partner and you could not be happier. Wedding bells could be ringing out soon...and it is likely to be a very happy marriage. Well done. You know your feelings and you are as honest with other people as you are with yourself.

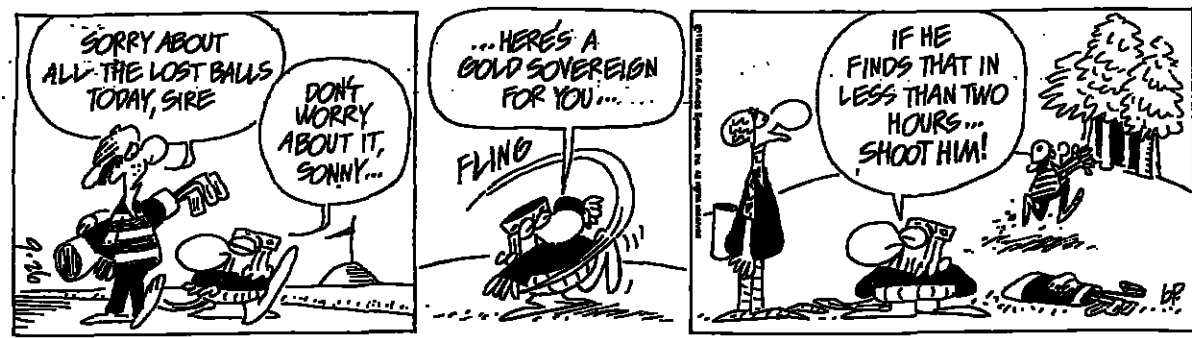
Mostly b's. You are as cool as can be when it comes to love. Nobody rules you, you are a person who knows what you want. But you sometimes hurt people because you are confused about your feelings. You don't deliberately use your partners. But you have probably had a few one night stands.

Mostly c's. You try as hard as you can to hide the fact you fall in love and lust, but you cannot fool yourself. You probably find it very difficult to grow fond of your partners. Your passion is immediate but it usually burns itself out quickly. Try and find someone who not only looks the part, but has a personality to match.

Mostly d's. Be honest...you are in lust with your partner. It's their body that turns you on not their mind. If they talked to you there is a good chance they would be bored. The thing that keeps you happy is cuddling close up. Your idea of love starts and finishes with a passionate clunch.

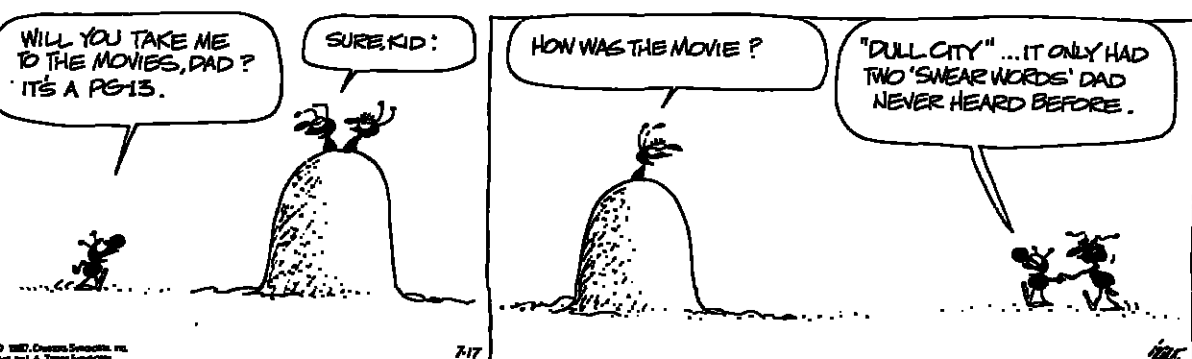
THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

The Moon's influence will help you to keep ahead of events. You should not be in too great a hurry to make changes, consider them carefully first. You will have to beware of a tendency to be somewhat haphazard. Be a little more discreet.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will not be in the best of moods and should beware of offending anyone. Venus' influence will help you to keep in step with your emotions. You should consider changes carefully before effecting them. Be considerate.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will have a good opportunity but may fail to recognise it as such. You should consider carefully, appearances could well lead you astray. Do not think that others will always behave just as you wish they would. Be prompt.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You are a little too liable to spend lavishly, exercise more restraint. Something you have been learning will become far clearer. You will be able to get a move on. Be moderate.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

The Moon's influence will help you to deal better with the situation you are in. You are all too liable to allow your attention to stray, so beware. Make sure you do not eat so much that you put on weight noticeably. Be more hopeful.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

You have every reason to hold your head high. Try to avoid bearing a grudge and to rid yourself of some prejudices. Make sure you play your full part in a joint enterprise. Be a little more flexible.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

You are subject to more favourable influences but you must still exercise care and attention. You are all too liable to lose sight of your objectives. You should pay less attention to gossip and avoid all kinds of intrigue. Be reasonable.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You will have to try hard to keep your head in the face of rather adverse circumstances. Venus' influence will however help you to maintain a close relationship. You should avoid spending money recklessly. Be fair.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

You will be in high spirits and must avoid going over the top. You will be able to do something you greatly enjoy doing. The solution to a problem is closer at hand than you think. Be generous.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)

You will be able to sort out a personal problem helped by Venus' favourable influence. You should not place too much reliance on intuition in dealing with a business problem. Avoid eating or drinking more than you know is good for you. Be sincere.



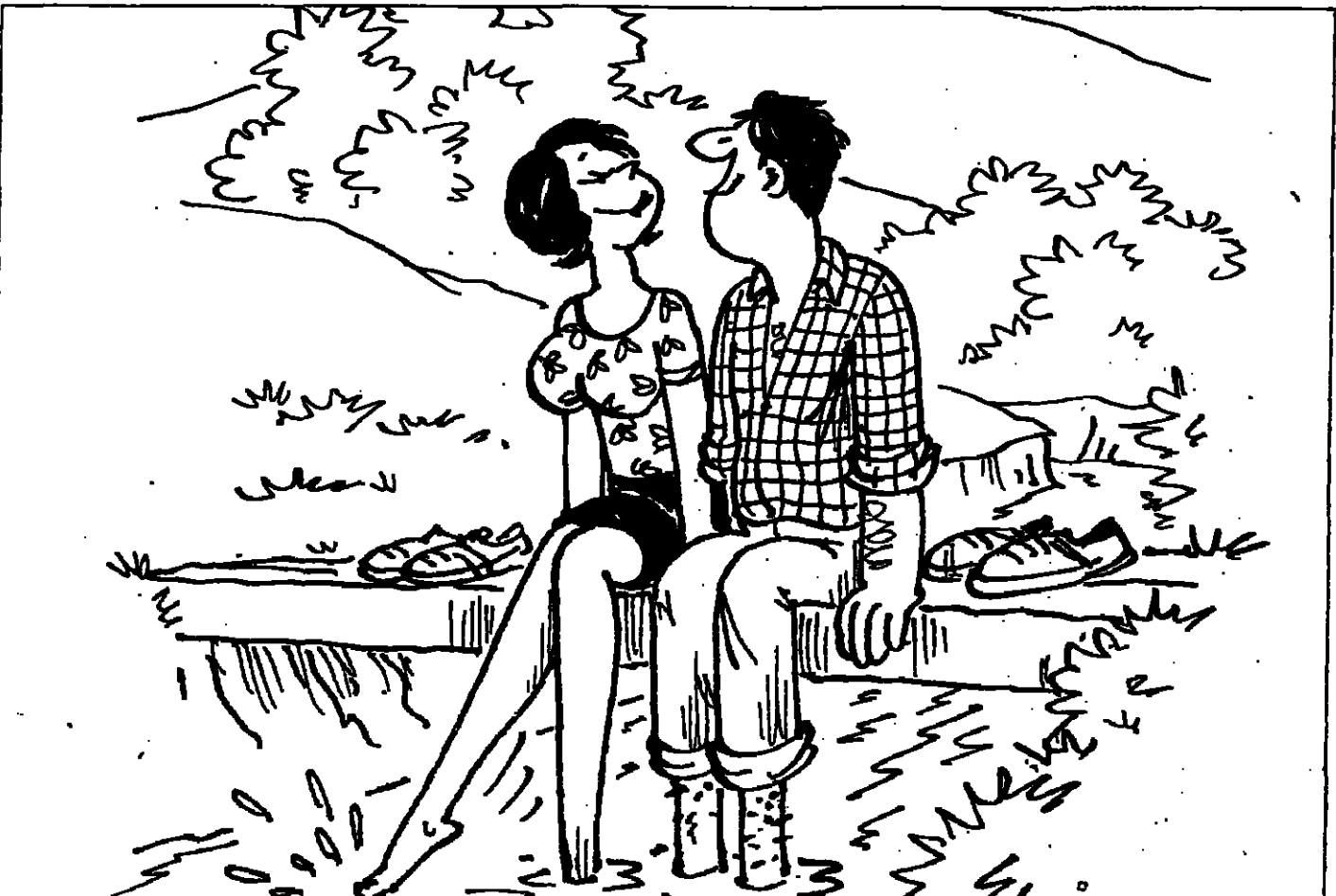
Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

Your mood will not be entirely carefree just now. However you are subject to by and large favourable influences and should not allow yourself to become dejected. Mercury's favourable influence will help you to look at things from the right perspective. Be cordial.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

You will be better able to make up your mind and Venus' influence will help you to make the right choice. You should not however act on impulse. Persevere with what you are doing instead of giving up at the slightest sign of difficulty. Be less critical.



Rare examples of Roman correspondence

New light on Roman life in Britain

Recently discovered Roman tablets on which the ink writing is still legible present a picture of Roman life in which socialising and obtaining supplies of luxury items loom much larger than any military preoccupations.

By Chris Tighe

DISCOVERIES made during excavations at the Northumberland fort of Vindolanda in the U.K., a mile to the south of Hadrian's Wall, have shed new light on the Romans' life in the northern outpost of their empire, 1,900 years ago.

Because of the preservative properties of its turf, Vindolanda has yielded up more than 1,000 Roman tablets — pieces of wafer-thin wood on which the ink writing is still legible.

These texts, the earliest archive of written material found in Britain, present a picture of Roman life in which socialising and obtaining supplies of luxury items loom much larger than any military preoccupations.

And among the text is a four-page, 45-line letter, among the

longest original Roman letters ever found, which challenges the image of the Romans as masterroad builders in AD 115.

Octavius, whose status is unknown, writes from an unknown address to Vindolanda to complain that he is still awaiting delivery of grain and cattle-hides and laments the bad state of the roads. They are unfit for wheeled traffic, he says.

Complains Octavius also complains about the delay in receiving large quantities of cattle-hides from Catterick — Cataracton — and grain, for which he has already paid. If he does not get the supplies, he says, he will be financially embarrassed. He adds that as the roads are bad, mules may be the best means of transport.

"This was very early in the Romans' occupation of northern Britain," says Dr David

Thomas of Durham University's Department of Paleography and Diplomatic, a papyrologist who has translated many of the Vindolanda tablets together with Dr Alan Bowman, of Oxford University.

Dr Thomas said: "One would hope that in London and Colchester the roads would be much better, but up here, where they had conquered only 20 years previously, they were just

getting the roads in."

Vindolanda's director, Mr Robin Birley, and his excavation assistants have also just unearthed a pridianum, or periodic strength report, the first such document found in the Western Empire.

Written on a specially prepared thin sheet of oak, it reports that more than a dozen men from the cohort of Tungrians attached to Vindolanda at the time of writing, shortly

before AD 90, were suffering from pink-eye (conjunctivitis).

The tablet also reveals that of the 750-strong cohort, only 270 were present at Vindolanda, and 10 per cent of them were sick.

The rest were permanently attached to the governor of Britain's bodyguard, or serving with the province's procurator, Ferrox, or garrisoned at Coria — probably the fort at Corbridge, Northumberland.

Rare

Another tablet found at Vindolanda is a rare example of correspondence between Roman women, presumably both wives of senior soldiers. In the letter, Flavia Severa is inviting Lepidina to her birthday party.

Another tablet, bearing two excerpts from Virgil, seems to be a writing exercise by a child, probably one of the sons of Flavius Cerialis, prefect of the Ninth Cohort of Batavians based before AD 103 at Vindolanda.

As well as private letters, there are daily work schedules, official correspondence, accounts and receipts, lists of stores sent to the fort and daily reports from junior officers to the commanding officer.



A researcher at work at the Roman fort of Vindolanda, in Northumberland, U.K., the northern outpost of their empire 1,900 years ago.

"Vindolanda is of the first importance, it's a sensational find," says Dr Thomas. "We have nothing compared with this written material except the papyrus finds from Roman Egypt at the other end of the Empire."

This is a period of history, between the departure of the governor, Agricola, in AD 84 and the arrival of Hadrian in AD 122, for which, by accident, there have been no surviving Roman sources at all," says Mr Birley, who has run Vindolanda, a charitable trust, for the last 20 years.

"We are now getting a vast amount of information about the period."

There are at least 600 different hands on the Vindolanda

tablets; it was a very literate society at that stage.

"In all the tablets there's no mention of death, religion, fighting or the Emperor," he says.

Instead they dwell extensively on supplies, including fine wines and smart dinner services.

The establishment of a fort at Vindolanda predates by about 40 years the building of Hadrian's Wall between AD 120 and 130.

Successive waves of redevelopment at Vindolanda led to earlier remains being 'ruined' over before rebuilding, creating the soil conditions in which written tablets, fabrics, feathers, hair and insects have been remarkably well

preserved.

The tablets, mostly about 4-1/2 in by 3-3/4 in, are written in old Roman cursive, without punctuation, word division or standardised spelling.

Mr Birley translates them with the help of his brother Anthony, Professor of Ancient History at Manchester University.

Some have been pieced together from fragments, suggesting they had been ripped up by the recipient. Others have been found in drainage areas, indicating they were flushed away.

As only eight per cent of Vindolanda has been excavated, Mr Birley estimates there could be many thousands more as yet unearthed.

Aztec human sacrificial altar stone discovered

By Susanne Sternthal

MEXICO CITY, (UPI): Archaeologists call it one of the most important finds of the Aztec culture — a huge, circular-shaped carved stone used for human sacrifice.

"It was a sacrificial stone with a double function, used both to celebrate a war victory upon which the Aztecs sacrificed a captured warrior, and for human sacrifice during religious rites to the Sun God," said Guillermo Perez Castro co-ordinator of the archaeological dig.

The stone, believed to date from about 1460, is still in a gaping square hole smelling of freshly dug earth in the middle of a Spanish colonial courtyard at the heart of the former capital of the legendary Aztec empire.

Around its perimeter are 11 scenes depicting conquests of 11 different tribes by Aztec warriors. In each, an Aztec warrior costumed like a god is shown holding a captured prisoner by the hair.

"In the Mexico (Aztec) religion, the primary god, the Sun God, was believed to be nourished by human sacrifice," Perez said at the edge of the pit. "In order for the sun to rise, the Sun God had to be fed by the blood and the hearts of humans."

On this stone the heart of a bound prisoner from a conquered tribe was carved from his chest while he was still alive and the heart still beating.

Representing The heart was put into a centre hollow, representing the mouth of the Sun God. From it the blood flowed in rivulets, defining the etched rays of the sun in red, and animating the symbols of stars, eagle feathers and water, Perez explained.

The chance find of the 8- to 12-ton volcanic stone monolith, nearly 3 feet (1 metre) thick and 7 feet (2 metre) in

diameter, could throw new light on the mysterious Aztec culture, the archaeologists said.

"This piece will give us greater and more exact understanding of this period of the Mexico," said Pedro Francisco Sanchez, chief archaeologist of the National Institute of Archaeology.

"This piece is extremely important. I believe it is one of the most important found in the Mexico culture, definitely," Sanchez said.

The Aztecs founded Tenochtitlan, where Mexico City now stands, in 1325. This marked the beginning of an empire that flourished for nearly 200 years, until the Spanish conquest in 1521.

'On this stone the heart of a bound prisoner from a conquered tribe was carved from his chest while he was still alive and the heart still beating...'

Because the conquistadors demolished Tenochtitlan and constructed their city on top of its rubble, much of the Aztec culture still remains buried under Spanish colonial buildings in the centre of Mexico City.

On June 27, two archaeologists from the National Institute of Archaeology, Maria E. Judith Padilla Y Yedra and Antonio Gudino Garfias, began routine excavations to investigate the cracking foundation of an 18th century building now used as Finance Ministry offices. On July 1, the stone was discovered in the building's courtyard.

"Gudino was the first to spot a piece of the stone and said it

was part of a sculpture that possibly was an owl, because of the circular water symbols, which he took for eyes," said Padilla Y Yedra.

"We weren't sure at first how important the find was, but now we've become immortalised," Gudino said.

Sanchez said cracking foundations are often an indication of archaeological material beneath. Cracks usually mean that the foundation is now evenly based and suggests that there is something underneath the building, Sanchez said.

"We engage in archaeological excavations, which help (the city government) to find out what is happening to the foundation of a historic building and it enables us to recover part of our history," Sanchez said.

He said the stone is part of a temple to the war god Tezcatlipoca, and that it is highly probable that there is more of the temple underneath.

Interests

"What interests us very much about this excavation is to find out if the stone is in its original place," Sanchez said.

"We are interested in defining (the exact period) of the stone; conserving the piece so it doesn't lose its colour, its pigments (all of which are red), restore it and then interpret as precisely as possible the meaning of all of its symbols before moving it to a museum."

Sanchez said a similar stone in the famous National Museum of Anthropology possibly is somewhat later, since it depicts four new scenes of conquered tribes besides the 11 found on this stone.

No more than 10 such stones have been found from the Aztec culture, Sanchez said. He ranked this as among the five most important stone monoliths ever discovered, along with the famous Aztec sun calendar also in the National Anthropology Museum.

Search for lost Columbus ships

By Jeff Franks

HOUSTON, (Reuters): In the mouth of the murky river in Panama, marine archaeologists are searching for the remains of a ship that Christopher Columbus sailed on his final voyage to the new world.

The researchers say they have found evidence — still inconclusive — that the Gallega, a small ocean-going vessel Columbus left behind when it became stranded on a sand bar, lies in the Rio Belen's mouth in 20 to 30 feet (seven to 10 metres) of water.

"We have found places that warrant further investigation," said Denise Lakey, a researcher for the Texas A and M university-based Institute of Nautical Archaeology.

In 1503, Columbus was on his fourth and final voyage to the new world that he had discovered a decade before.

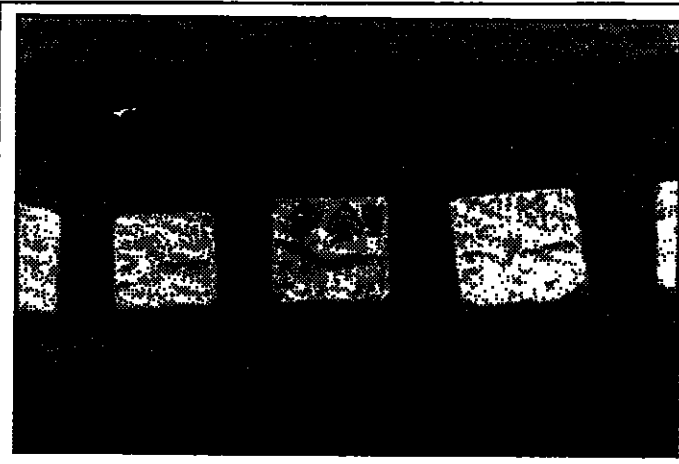
He was seeking a passage to India through the Western Hemisphere when he and his crew stopped briefly at the point now being searched on the Western Atlantic coast of Panama.

Little is known about the Gallega, a caravel-class ship that sailed too close to the beach and got stuck on a sand bar, Lakey said.

Columbus left the boat and a small contingent behind with the intention of setting up a trading station. But a group of Indians, fearful of the Spaniards, attacked.

The men fled into the ocean, made their way to a boat beyond the sand bar and sailed to safety, leaving the Gallega behind.

Records about the ship and its location survived in reports on Columbus's expedition and in testimony in subsequent lawsuits his descendants filed against Spain in an attempt to stake their claim to the wealth of the new World, Lakey said.



Seals found at Moenjodaro site in Sind, Pakistan have not yet been deciphered.

Water, salinity gnaw at Indus Valley sites

By R. Norman Matheny

INDUS VALLEY, Pakistan: With no sign, no fence, and no protection of any sort, Kot Diji appears from even a few yards away to be just one more pile of rubble.

Probably of more interest to tourists, the 19th-century fort bearing the same name, on a hill literally across the road, has been largely restored.

Yet finds among the broken pottery of Kot Diji (about 350 miles north of Karachi, in Pakistan's Sind province) show that it dates back nearly 5,000 years — to 2,800 BC — predating by about 300 years the better-known Harappa and Moenjodaro archaeological sites in the same region.

These remains provide the major sources of information about the early Indus Valley civilization, also known as the Harappan culture, which ranks with early civilization of Egypt, Mesopotamia, and the Huang Ho Valley in China.

The much better preserved site at Moenjodaro was partly excavated by the British in 1922. A highly developed city of 50,000, with wide streets, two-story dwellings, large civic and religious structures, and even an extensive brick-lined sewage system, was uncovered.

A small but well-maintained museum of artifacts on the site at Moenjodaro includes personal seals, the original signatures, bearing the image of an animal or human form, and sparse examples of so far untranslated writings.

Without decipherable writings, knowledge of this Bronze Age people is limited to deductions about the obviously well-planned cities and their utensils.

All told, about 240 acres have been uncovered, roughly

25 per cent of the total. At its height, the Indus Valley civilization included 400 cities and towns in what is now Pakistan and India.

But the sites are threatened by rising ground water and sporadic flooding. No excavation has been done since 1962, as efforts have turned to reducing the salinity of the soil, which can damage the bricks and foundations.

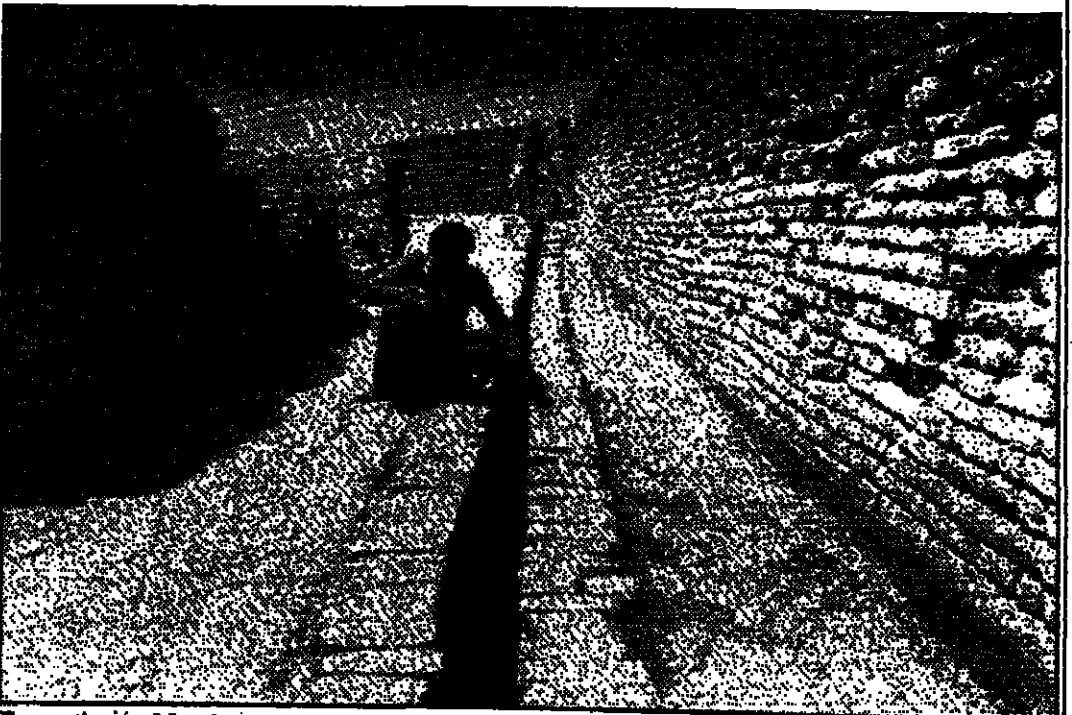
Irrigation of surrounding areas had raised the water table, pushing earth salts upward. According to the Pakistani Archaeological Department, 27 wells have now lowered the water table to 30 feet. The United Nations



The ruins of Kot Diji in Pakistan's Indus River valley.

Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) is providing technical assistance and substantial

financial support in an effort to save this ancient treasure. 1988, The Christian Science Monitor News Service.



Excavations at Moenjodaro have uncovered a drainage ditch on the main street of a city that dates from 3000-2,500 BC.

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

QUESTION: What can be causing my shoulder pain? The pain is always there, but it's dull.

ANSWER: The shoulder joint is the most versatile joint in the body, possessing an enormous range of motion. It allows us to perform strenuous tasks such as lifting and throwing, as well as simple manual tasks like writing or sewing. Because of its anatomical complexity, however, a trade-off is made. The shoulder's extraordinary range of motion, a great advantage for many activities, is counter-balanced by an instability that makes it subject to injury.

Since countless causes can be involved, the first step in diagnosing the problem is to determine the exact location of the pain. Many factors must be considered, including whether bones, muscles, tendons, ligaments, blood vessels or nerves are involved. The more acute the problem, the more likely the patient can pinpoint it.

How the pain started is important to determine as well. Knowing if there was an injury or if the pain came on gradually is a key point in a diagnostic evaluation. If certain movements cause pain or are impossi-

ble to perform, they should be noted, as should any movements that relieve the pain. Swelling, burning, tingling or numbness in the arm will influence the diagnosis as well.

Knowing the type of activity a person engages in is also a key factor when diagnosing a shoulder ailment. For example, sedentary activities such as writing, typing or sewing force shoulder muscles to contract. Prolonged engagement in such tasks can cause shoulder spasms. Exercising to stretch the muscles can prevent the problem and should be performed because if the joint is not allowed to move freely, it can "freeze" and cause the formation of fibrotic adhesions.

On the other hand, strenuous activities such as swimming or overhead work causes certain tendons to stretch and compress. Such violent, repetitive action may traumatize the tendon and its sheath, producing pain. Other possible causes of shoulder pain can include chronic inflammation of a shoulder joint that may develop if a shoulder injury doesn't heal properly or if the joint is strenuously worked and abused. Even years after an injury, simple activities such as rolling on the shoulder

during sleep may cause pain, tenderness and spasms. Arthritis, tendonitis, fibrositis and bone calcification are still further possible causes of chronic shoulder pain.

If you are suffering from undiagnosed shoulder pain, I suggest that you see a physician in hopes of determining the cause. Simple, five-minute examinations have been designed to quickly pinpoint possible causes, and it's certainly worth your while to investigate them. Relief can be readily achieved in many cases.

ACROSS MY DESK: Fact or fiction? Women take more medications than men do. We can obtain some idea from research from the University of Wisconsin, where the results of interviews of 862 men and women about their prescriptions drugs showed that women do take about twice the number of medications that men do. It's likely that some of the difference is due to factors such as the use of contraceptives, iron supplements, vaginal medications and prenatal vitamins, but researchers felt that these needs were not sufficient to completely explain the difference.

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MANY CONDITIONS COULD CAUSE SHOULDER PAIN

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Banks clear Kuwaiti dinar short-term position

A LOCAL daily reported yesterday that local banks cleared their Kuwaiti dinar short-term position on Monday.

It added that the banks began expanded purchasing of US dollars in anticipation of a change in the currencies which determine the price of the Kuwaiti dinar.

Local bankers showed that the sharp increase of the US dollar against the Kuwaiti dinar at the beginning of last month caused fears about such a change.

Rate

They said that the Central Bank increased the exchange rate of the US dollar against the Kuwaiti dinar to 288.96 fils on Monday morning, although its price retreated against major currencies the same day.

This created a sense of unease among local banks, which began building short-term financial positions in the US dollar from the middle of last week.

They added that this became very sharp on Monday and the rush to purchase US dollars in the local market led to the increased interest rate on the Kuwaiti dinar, which rose from 3 per cent on Sunday to 6 per cent on Monday.

The bankers pointed out that the Central Bank did not intervene in the local markets on Monday and did not withdraw liquidity from markets to force local banks to stop speculation on the Kuwaiti dinar.

The Central Bank sees this speculation as exaggerated and harmful, they said.

Kuwait holds 5.1pc stake in UK bank

LONDON, Oct 4, (AP): The Kuwait Investment Office, the London-based investment arm of the Kuwaiti government said yesterday it holds a 5.1 per cent stake in Midland Bank Plc.

In a statement lodged with London's Stock Exchange, the Kuwait Investment Office, which also holds a stake of about 20 per cent in British Petroleum Co. Plc, said it bought 1.5 million Midland shares on Friday. That lifted its holding to 28.04 million shares, or above 5 per cent, requiring it to divulge the stake.

Midland shares rose on the news. The shares, which had been down about 9 pence (15 cents) were down 6 pence (10 cents) at 415 pence (\$7.01) after the announcement.

Stake

An official at Midland Bank, who wasn't identified, in accordance with British practice, said he had been aware of the stake for over a year, and that it appears to be just an investment.

"We are pleased that someone thinks we are a good investment," he added. "It's as casual as that."

An official at the Kuwait Investment Office, who wasn't identified for the same reason, declined to comment.

Other major shareholders in Midland include Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corp. with 14.9 per cent; M and G Group Plc, an investment management group, with about 7 per cent; and British conglomerate Hanson Plc with about 5 per cent.

'Dealing with building materials is high risk'

Local market unstable, say dealers

By Jadranka Porter

KUWAIT'S dealers in building materials are being flooded with inquiries from Iraq, but few orders are being placed as the Iraqis shop around the Gulf to meet their urgent requirements for plywood, steel and timber, according to traders in Kuwait.

The local market is unstable, they say, and most dealers are refraining from placing new orders. Local market prices of wood remain stable, while steel is getting cheaper. Profits are on decline while the competition is getting more intense, they say.

The uncertainty surrounding Iraqi orders is further underlined by the rising value of the dollar against the Kuwaiti dinar which is eating into the dealers' profits.

Building material prices are quoted in dollars in the international market.

Charges

Dealers are also delaying orders because they expect to receive supplies at cheaper rates once the freight charges drop.

The ceasefire in the Iraq-Iran war has encouraged many shippers to resume traffic to Kuwait and the freight charges are expected to gradually decline from the

current \$49 to \$35 per cubic metre which was the going rate before the tanker war escalated, said Mohammed Saleh Burud of Ali and Abdullah H. Al Sarraf Co.

Dealers who are stuck with large stocks of steel and wood are hoping for the repeat of the successful deals struck with the Iraqis immediately after Iran announced its acceptance of the UN ceasefire resolution.

But Burud claims that Iraq will turn to the neighbouring Gulf states only for the most urgent requirements before it opens direct import lines with the exporting countries.

Requirements

Dealers find it difficult to assess Iraq's immediate requirements on the basis of their inquiries, said Burud.

"The Iraqis have been sending the same inquiries to different companies in Kuwait and elsewhere in the Gulf, raising the level of competition," he said.

From July 18 when Iraq said it was willing to negotiate peace in the Gulf war until the end of August the flow of orders, especially for plywood, from Iraq was steady, said Burud. In the first two weeks in September the exports of building materials

from Kuwait to Iraq came to a standstill.

Since then exports to Iraq resumed and there have been inquiries for large quantities of plywood and steel, but Burud said after quoting the price he received no response.

He said that two months ago Iraq placed an order for 100,000 sheets of teak face 4 mm thick plywood. Forty thousand sheets were delivered immediately.

Dealers

Orders like this have prompted dealers to order large quantities from Singapore and Indonesia. Two hundred and fifty thousand sheets of plywood arrived on Monday at the Shuwaikh Port but dealers cannot rely on the Iraqis to buy them. The local market can absorb the supply but it will take time, dealers say.

The suppliers are maintaining the price of 4 mm thick plywood at \$3.85. But the dollar gained 15 fils against the Kuwaiti dinar over the past few months which means that a dealer who used to get a sheet of plywood for KD 1.170 now gets it for KD 1.230. The price includes landing, banking, insurance customs and transport charges. The plywood is now sold on the local market for

KD 1.230, while the price for Iraqi customers is KD 1.300.

Kuwait's dealers have substantially reduced imports of steel from Qatar and Saudi Arabia, the major suppliers, as they faced difficulties in selling their stocks.

Kuwait had an inquiry from Iraq for more than 100,000 tons of steel, but after dealers quoted the price which included a nominal profit margin there was no response, said Burud.

He found out that Qatar's steel manufacturers received the same inquiry.

Kuwait's dealers have imported steel expecting a rising demand from Iraq which did not materialise.

Dropped

Kuwait's dealers have 15,000 tons of steel worth KD 3 million in their warehouses. Their monthly sales of steel dropped from 3,000 tons in June to 1,000 to 2,000 tons in September.

Burud said their sales were made at a nominal profit, but some dealers have been selling steel at below cost prices.

Qatar's steel exports to Kuwait dropped from 10,000 tons three months ago to the current 3,000 tons.

"Qatar was ready to supply us with 20,000 tons of steel in November, but we had to turn down the offer because of uncertain market conditions," said Burud.

Profits on steel sales are marginal, said Burud. The company makes a profit up to KD 3 per cubic metre of wood, but sales of softwood have been slow. Al Sarraf's have a stock of 15,000 tons of softwood ordered from the Soviet Union in anticipation of brisk trade with Iraq.

Ahmed Jammal of Shuwaikh Trading Co. said dealing with building materials is a high risk, low profit business.

He said net profits ranged between 2 and 6 per cent.

He warned dealers against stocking up on building materials because of the fluctuating prices and because storage itself is expensive.

Burud said that since the beginning of this year the number of dealers in building materials increased as expectations of an end to the Gulf war rose. This led to fierce competition on the market. The newcomers faced slow sales and began undercutting prices forcing larger companies to lower their prices.

IMF approach to developing countries

Indian minister calls for more flexibility

WEST BERLIN, Oct 4: India has called for a more flexible approach by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in its financial dealings with the developing world. Addressing the IMF interim committee, S.B. Chavan, Minister of Finance, said here last week that despite favourable developments in the industrial countries, growth in the Third World remained inadequate and per capita income had declined.

Chavan said the terms of trade of many countries had not shown much improvement and exports from the developing world were constrained by intensified protectionism, according to an Indian daily.

The finance minister said the debt situation of the developing countries remained critical. There was a large outflow of resources from many Third World countries. The availability of new funds for highly indebted countries, Chavan said, had been reduced to a trickle.

"For a major part of the developing world, the 1980s have proved to be a lost decade," he observed.

Chavan regretted that there had been no allocation of the Special Drawing Rights (SDR) since 1981. He strongly supported the recommendations made in a recently published study by IMF staff calling for substantial allocation of the SDRs.

Chavan maintained that to fulfil IMF's crucial role in the adjustment process, there was an urgent need to augment its resources substantially.

He urged an early completion of the ninth general review of quotas. The present quota calculations, he said, did not attach sufficient weight to the needs of members which make use of IMF resources.

Growth

The finance minister demanded the quota share of developing countries be protected. He added that it was in the interest of both the developed and the developing worlds to co-operate in maintaining an environment conducive to growth and stability.

But the "over-reaction" to fears of inflation, which was moderate in the West, could result in serious consequences, he

said. Growth could get inhibited with harmful effects on trade. Moreover, rise in interest rates would raise the cost of funds, and aggravate the debt problem, he added.

Six years into the Third World debt crisis, a range of proposed solutions are emerging which reach further than any previously submitted and break some of the old taboos, reports Reuters.

But officials of both developing and industrial countries believe the coming change of administration in Washington means that implementation will have to wait until next year.

Industrial nations took an important step on Saturday with agreement on ways to ease the debt burden of the poorest of the poor in Africa.

Japanese Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa had been expected to launch a new debt plan at this meeting. But the failing health of Emperor Hirohito prevented him from attending.

The African debt menu plan was launched at the Toronto Summit meeting of the leaders of

the United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Britain, Italy and Canada last June.

A final breakthrough came on Saturday when West Germany dropped its final reservations. Developing nations welcomed the move but wanted help extended to poor countries whether or not they adopt IMF-approved programmes and see it as just one step in a strategy which should include debt reduction for middle-income debtors.

Debtor country officials feel the time is right to put plans to reduce debt firmly on the table, long a subject most commercial bankers would not even discuss.

"Creditor governments, multilateral agencies and banks spoke the same language. Why not seize the opportunity to translate this into reality," Brazil Finance Minister Maison da Nobrega asked on Saturday.

He said debt swaps, whereby debtor countries issue new bonds in exchange for old debt, should be promoted. Carrying what he called a "multilateral-type guarantee, the bonds would be an enhanced asset that would encourage banks to buy them.

Coffee market confused by new quota deal

LONDON, Oct 4, (Reuters): A complex agreement to regulate world coffee supplies for the next 12 months by the International Coffee Organisation (ICO) left the trade confused about its impact on prices on Monday.

London Robusta coffee futures shot to seven-month highs of £1,235 (\$2,095) a tonne, but edged off this peak later.

"A lot of people are puzzled and finding it hard to work out the implications," said one London dealer in a comment on the weekend accord setting an export quota for the 1989 coffee year starting now.

The ICO groups 50 producer and 24 consumer nations.

Dealers said they thought the accord may offer only limited support to the over-supplied market because there are no provisions for cuts in the ICO quota until January 1989.

The ICO set a global export quota from October 1 of 56 million (60 kilo) bags. This cannot be reduced in the October/December first quarter of the coffee year.

If the market should fall before January there is no safety net some experts said.

Burma's economy in bad shape from strikes

BANGKOK, Oct 4, (Reuters): Burma's economy has been too badly damaged by weeks of anti-government strikes to resume even its previously moribund performance soon, Western diplomats said today.

Indiscriminate Army killings of civilians have dimmed chances the two-week old military leadership will get much help at home or from abroad for recovery, the envoys interviewed by telephone said in Rangoon.

"They now have an economy that is not moving at all. Work in the countryside is going on but production of manufactured goods — which was at a low level

anyway — or of anything exportable will be very, very difficult," one Western envoy said.

Most workers of the tightly controlled state economy went back to work by the Monday deadline set by general Saw Maung's government, ending a general strike begun in August.

Change

"There is no great amount of obvious work being done, but that isn't much change from before," another diplomat said.

Buses burning Army petrol plied their routes, shops were open and markets did brisk business to give a sense of return to normality in this city of 3.5

million.

State bureaux and corporations were staffed but practically idle. Troops control Rangoon to stop looting, to enforce a curfew and a ban on demonstrations, and to search people, vehicles and homes for weapons and anti-government tracts.

Television has shown extensive damage to factories and offices since the abortive national revolt against military-backed rule erupted in early August. Much equipment has been wrecked, warehouse stocks looted, and office files rifled.

Diplomats reported extensive damage to the timber and

fisheries corporations and Ministry of Trade. Anti-government workers are believed to have done much of the damage, however, witnesses saw many cases of looting by soldiers.

"A lot of factories have been damaged, such as textile and pharmaceutical factories — there is no raw material to make medicines, biscuits, etc.," an envoy said.

Difficult

"They are not going to have any money really for purchasing things like replacement spare parts. If they can't do that and they are not getting aid then to get the economy moving at all is

going to be very difficult."

Doctors, diplomats and dissidents said the Tatmadaw — people's defence forces — has killed more than 1,000 people, most of them innocent civilians including children and women.

Killings and other human rights abuses confirmed by the foreign diplomatic corps even before the Army ended peaceful demonstrations for democracy resulted in suspension of aid by Japan, the United States and West Germany.

The government had estimated a third of its capital spending for 1988-89 would be given by foreign donors.

World Business Summary

Soviet newspaper admits nation hit by inflation

MOSCOW, Oct 4, (Reuters): A Soviet newspaper on Thursday released figures which give the lie to the official line that prices of basic commodities have been stable for decades in the Soviet Union. In a new twist to a long-running debate over price reform set for the early 1990s, Trud said a parliamentary commission found prices of staples like bread, potatoes and other vegetables rose by up to 18 per cent in the last two years. "Price rises were responsible for 60 per cent of the entire increase in trade turnover in 1986 and 1987," the Trade Union newspaper said. Trud also made clear prices had been rising for much longer a fact apparent to most Soviet citizens but long denied by official statistics which masked many rises simply by reclassifying products as they became more expensive. "Today's rouble is worth just 42 kopecks compared with the rouble of 1960," the newspaper said. However, Trud did not give enough details to allow reliable calculation of an annual Soviet rate of inflation. Although the prices of staples in the Soviet Union are still far lower than in the West, so too are wages, with figures released last month showing the average Russian family spends as much as 59 per cent of its income on food. Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev has warned the population to expect increases in the price of staples at the start of the 1990s as a necessary part of an overhaul of the centrally-planned Soviet economy. Radical economists have said state price subsidies should be ended, arguing they distort the economy and take no account of consumer demand. Some of these products are in such short supply in state shops that people are often forced to go to cooperative enterprises or markets where they can cost double or triple the official prices. However, many newspaper articles and letters have suggested the reform will be unpopular, expressing fears it is bound to cut living standards.

Gulf airlines buy into Heathrow catering firm

BAHRAIN, Oct 4, (Reuters): Three Gulf airlines signed an agreement today with the US Marriott Corporation to buy 50 per cent of its catering service at London's Heathrow Airport. The new company, Marriott-GCC (Gulf Co-operation Council) inflight catering service company, will introduce a new kitchen at Heathrow to provide food according to Muslim halal rules. Saudi Arabia's Saudia, Kuwait Airways and Bahrain-based Gulf Air, owned by Bahrain, Qatar, Oman and the emirate of Abu Dhabi, set up a holding company last year, GCC Aviation Services Co Ltd, for joint investment projects. This is their first venture. Marriott is personally very proud of this association," Daniel Altobelli, president of Marriott's Airport Operations, told reporters at a signing ceremony. He refused to give the sale price but industry sources said Marriott's operation at Heathrow was worth around \$29 million (\$15 million). Marriott, which has about 100 airport outlets worldwide, caters to nine airlines at Heathrow and officials hope the Islamic kitchen will attract Muslim carriers. "Some Muslim airlines carry their own food to and from London. Now they can take food from our new Islamic kitchen," a Gulf Air official said. Some 21 airlines from Arab and Muslim states spend about \$24 million on catering at Heathrow every year, including \$8.4 million by three Gulf carriers, officials said. Officials said the Gulf airlines were considering similar projects with Marriott at other airports in Europe and the Far East.

Philippine minister calls for debt rescheduling, forgiveness

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 4, (AP): The Philippine foreign minister yesterday called on Northern creditor nations to reschedule and forgive Third World debt and branded the United States a "hegemonic power" that could ease the debt crisis but has not done so. Raul S. Manglapus, Secretary of Foreign Affairs, devoted his entire speech to the General Assembly to condemnation of the economic policies of the industrialised North for supposedly perpetuating and increasing the debt of the developing world in the South. "It is valuable to reschedule debt," he said. "But it is even more precious and human to forgive debt." He proposed an international debt and development commission — a new, 5-year agency to evaluate alternative plans for global debt management. Its staff would be drawn from other global financial agencies and the Philippine envoy proposed it devise concrete actions to rectify inequities in the global trading system. The commission, he said, would develop standards for debt relief or debt forgiveness and propose them to the United Nations for "approval, proclamation and execution." Manglapus blamed the poverty of the Philippines on ruthless Northern creditor nations, glibly developing nations in the South and the dictatorship of former Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos. "There is one hegemonic power today that could crack the whip, the United States of America," he said. "But the crisis is enormous and there are rising economic powers with which the enforcer must coordinate if order and resolution are to be reached. This is not happening," he said. Manglapus made no reference to specific foreign policy questions, like US military bases in the Philippines, or to domestic issues. The debt crisis, he said, is a problem not only for the debtor. "It is a problem for the creditor, a problem for the world. Therefore, the solution cannot be sectoral. It must be total. It cannot be regional, it must be global."

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Kuwait managed to keep inflation at 0.7pc in '87: ILO

GENEVA, Oct 4, (KUNA): The Arab Gulf countries are one of the world's big success stories when it comes to controlling inflation, according to a survey by the International Labour Organisation.

While most countries last year were subjected to renewed inflationary pressures, two Gulf states actually managed to maintain negative inflation rates. In 1987 Bahrain and Saudi Arabia both registered a fall in their national price indexes, of -1.7 per cent, from -1.9 and -2.2 respectively the year before that. Kuwait, the only other Gulf Co-operation Council state in the ILO survey, managed to keep inflation at just 0.7 per cent, compared with the 0.5 per cent achieved in 1986.

Debt
The country with the best price record was Senegal, where the price index fell by 5.2 per cent, while the world's highest inflation was in Brazil, at 367 per cent, compared with 68 per cent in 1986. Other states with negative inflation included the Central African Republic, at -3.6 per cent, Haiti with -4.1 per cent, Gabon at -2.5 per cent, Jordan at -1.8 per cent and Holland at -0.2 per cent.

Nevertheless, the general trend worldwide in 1987 was of rising inflation, with 62 of the 102 countries surveyed showing overall price rises. However, 38 managed lower rates, and in two cases, inflation levels were unchanged.

Rebound
Many of the Latin American states, which had succeeded in sharply reducing inflation in 1986, saw prices rebound last year, in some cases doubling, or worse. Argentina, for example, went from 82 to 175 per cent.

One noticeable exception on the continent was Bolivia, which had 11 per cent inflation last year compared with the astronomical rate of 8,171 per cent in 1985. Europe's highest inflation, of 170 per cent, was in Yugoslavia, followed by Poland at 30 per cent and Iceland at 24 per cent. Many African countries saw prices rising between 20 and 30 per cent, while Somalia had one of the continent's worst records, at 41 per cent, the ILO study noted.

Gold gains

Dollar in narrow range, oil prices recover

LONDON, Oct 4, (Reuters): Crude oil prices fell as much as 40 cents a barrel early today, but later recovered to end the day unchanged to a few cents lower than Monday, traders said. North Sea Brent blend, the most widely traded crude, sold at fresh 26-month lows early today, with cargoes for lifting in November traded as low as \$11.40 a barrel.

Crude oil prices are at their lowest for two years and down \$2 in just over a week. Traders cited evidence of higher OPEC output in a market already in surplus.

Production
"Saudi Arabia wants to abide by the production levels assigned to it under OPEC agreements," said a statement by the royal cabinet in Riyadh on Monday.

Traders said gains were likely to be short-lived, unless OPEC

took firm steps to curb excess production. OPEC's average crude output in September was put at 20.6 million barrels per day (BPD) by the latest Reuters survey, 600,000 BPD above the 20 million estimated for August.

Towards the European close, Brent blend for prompt lifting was quoted five cents lower at \$11.60 a barrel. The leading US grade, West Texas Intermediate (WTI), was unchanged at \$13.20, while the key Midwest grade, Dubai, was five cents down at \$9.60.

The dollar was hardly changed in European currency markets. Gold prices were firmer while Europe's stock exchanges generally ended a shade higher.

Wall Street stocks showed little change by New York's midday when the Dow Jones industrial average was up two points at 2,107.

The price of gold was fixed at \$398.50 an ounce in the European afternoon, above a previous fix of 396. Traders said the price had traded within a narrow range in recent days, with scant demand for bullion, a favoured investor hedge against inflation.

In London shares were mixed to firm in afternoon business, recovering from an early setback in the light of a firmer Wall Street performance, dealers said.

Sentiment was earlier upset by Grand Met making a \$5.2 billion bid for food manufacturer and retailer Pillsbury of the US, sending its cash overseas instead of bidding for Cadbury or Ranks Hovis McDougall as had been rumoured.

Grand Met topped the active list, falling 32p to 454 on volume of 14.6 million shares. Cadbury ended 1p up at 374 after a low of 356 while RHM closed 1p down

at 378 after 369. FTSE 100 was up 5.6 to 1,808.2 at 1453 GMT after a day's low of 1,787.

Dealers said that, on balance, the earlier declines on the prospect of UK cash going overseas for the Pillsbury bid were overdone and prices recovered to reflect this.

Grand Met's planned £479 million rights issue, to help fund the Pillsbury bid, also dented market sentiment. Grand Met had been tipped to make an acquisition ever since it flagged the sale of its Inter Continental Hotels Group, which was sold for \$2.27 billion to Seibu Saison of Japan last week.

Stake
Analysts said the bid for Pillsbury stands a good chance of success, adding that Grand Met's earnings for the year would be diluted only slightly if the deal went through.

The British government's request to the Kuwait Investment Office (KIO) to reduce its stake in British Petroleum to 9.9 per cent from the 21.6 per cent it currently holds over the next 12 months also hit market sentiment, dealers said.

The market is concerned about the volume of BP stock which could be released onto the market following Britain's decision. BP fell 2p to 235 on volume of over 14 million shares. Analysts said a large block of BP shares coming onto the market could be expected to trade significantly below the current price.

BP said it welcomed the British government decision, saying the prime issue was now the orderly disposal of the shares. The KIO said it was extremely dissatisfied with the way the UK Monopolies Commission reached its decision on Kuwait's stake.

'British issue could set off a chain reaction'

UK to open new money market trading in short-term ECU bills

LONDON, Oct 4, (Reuters): Britain launches a new money market next week with the first issue of short-term Treasury bills denominated in European currency units.

The bills will make it easier to invest in and trade the ECU, a composite of 10 European Economic Community currencies designed to give the community's bankers and businessmen something in common to trade with.

Since the ECU's introduction nearly a decade ago, ECU deposits have ballooned to about \$100 billion, and more than \$33 billion in ECU-denominated Eurobonds have been issued, according to the Wall Street Journal.

By opening a short-term ECU sovereign-debt market, Britain bolsters London's role as a European center for ECU trading, and shares more than a percentage point off a portion of the nation's borrowing costs. From a political standpoint,

the market provides a response to European accusations that Britain is obstructing efforts to foster the EEC monetary unity.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher recently singled out the ECU-bill offering as an "immediate and practical" step toward unity, contrasting the solid action with long-winded debates over a European central bank.

Offerings
Britain plans six monthly offerings between Oct 11 and March, building the market to as much as two billion ECUs (\$2.21 billion) initially.

The bills will appeal to high-powered international investors — particularly central banks — interested in diversifying reserve holdings and reducing exposure to fluctuating exchange rates and interest rates.

"The British issue could set off a chain reaction," said Riccardo Massa, manager of foreign

securities at Turin's Istituto Bancario San Paolo di Torino.

Italy, which offers longer-maturity ECU securities with a 12.5 per cent withholding tax for overseas investors, may have to revamp its issues to make them as alluring as the UK bills, free of withholding tax.

David Walter, manager of \$700 million in multicurrency bond portfolios at Merrill Lynch & Co., predicts EEC nations will issue more ECU bills as the 1992 target nears for removing internal trade barriers.

Dealers say the market could total \$10 billion or more in three or four years.

Details
The Bank of England is expected to announce the size and other details of the first issue this week. London dealers anticipate the initial offering will total about 500 million ECUs, though some say it could be as much as

one billion ECUs, depending on market conditions.

The minimum investment is set at 500,000 ECUs, and dealers expect about half the bills to be gobbled up by central banks and such transnational institutions as the World Bank.

The rest will be bought by 29 UK and international securities firms named as market-makers for the bills, which will have one-month, three-month and six-month maturities. Those firms will market the bills to corporate and institutional clients.

Issue
At Unilever PLC, investment co-ordinator Neil Vorchheimer says the new issue will be welcomed because it fills a vacuum in easily tradable, high-quality ECU-denominated debt. The multinational consumer-products giant is constantly looking for ways to hedge millions of dollars in European receivables, he says.

Merrill Lynch's New Jersey-based bond fund managers also are interested. Walter says the bills offer "good relative value." Currently, yields on three-month ECU deposits are as much as 2.69 percentage points higher than on Deutsche marks and 2.03 percentage points greater than for guilders, says Giles Keating, an economist at Credit Suisse First Boston Ltd in London.

Appeal
Even so, the bills won't appeal to everybody. Investors without ECU liabilities may find them difficult to hedge, though options markets in London and Dublin are considering offering ECU futures contracts. And though less volatile than some underlying currencies, the ECU is vulnerable to currency market instability, particularly when its component currencies are being revalued. The next ECU revaluation is due by next September.

Kuwait dinar deposit rates firm

KUWAIT, Oct 4, (Reuters): Most Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates firmed today ahead of Wednesday's 70 million dinar issue of three-month Treasury bills.

The dinar strengthened slightly against the dollar, contrary to the trend of recent weeks in which the dinar has slipped, encouraging banks to buy dollars and tightening dinar liquidity.

The Central Bank dinar exchange rate firmed to 0.28872/82 to the dollar from Monday's 0.28896/06, with commercial banks quoting spot rates of around 0.28878/85.

Overnight funds, quoted at six, four per cent on Monday, dealt at ten per cent and dealers linked the rise to Wednesday's bill issue.

Deposits

Tomorrow and spot-next deposits were bid firmer at seven per cent with no offers, while one-month dealt at 7-1/4 per cent from seven, 6-3/4 per cent levels late on Monday.

Other fixed periods were quiet and little changed, with two-months at 7-1/8, 6-7/8 per cent, three and six-month at seven, 6-3/4 per cent and one-year at seven, 6-1/2 per cent.

Meanwhile, Saudi riyal inter-bank deposits were generally steady in quiet trade on Tuesday with no fresh factors to give the market direction.

Dealers reported some business in day-to-day funds and in one-month deposits, which dealt at 8-1/2 per cent.

Spot-next edged up around 1/8 point, trading at levels of 8-3/4, 1/2 per cent. One-week was quoted at 8-1/2, 1/4 per cent.

But the fixed periods were little changed, with one-month indicated at 8-9/16, 7/16 per cent, three-months at 8-3/4, 5/8 per cent, six-months at 8-15/16, 13/16, and one-year at 9-1/16, 8-15/16 per cent.

The spot riyal was also steady at 3.7503/06 to the dollar.

Reagan textile veto headed for House challenge

WASHINGTON, Oct 4, (AP): President Ronald Reagan's veto of textile and apparel import curbs is headed for a test in the House of Representatives, where opponents and supporters are ready for a battle.

"We have the best chance that we've ever had" for a veto override, Congressman Butler Derrick, an opposition Democrat, said on Monday. But he added, "I'm not sure" textile forces have galvanised enough support in the face of an energetic administration lobbying campaign.

Bill supporters planned to initiate their override attempt today.

Reagan described the bill as "protectionism at its worst" and vetoed it on Sept 28. Industry supporters are now trying to override that veto and pass the

bill into law over the president's objections. A two-thirds majority in both chambers of Congress is required.

Competition
Designed to protect American industry from foreign competition, the bill would freeze textile and apparel imports at 1987 levels this year and limit growth to 1 per cent annually thereafter. It also would freeze nonrubber footwear imports at 1987 levels with no provision for growth later. It would guarantee higher quotas to countries that buy American farm goods, establish a one-year pilot programme under which the government would auction off import licenses and create a special quota for foreign-made silk neckties.

Reagan vetoed a similar measure in 1985, and the House was unable to muster the votes needed to override. Critics of the legislation say they are completely confident there will be no override this time, either.

"I think it will be sustained," said Congressman Sam Gibbons, a Democrat who is chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee's Trade Subcommittee and one of the fiercest critics of the legislation. "It's a lousy, stinking bill that we've voted on five times already," Gibbons said by telephone last night. "It's a lousy, stinking piece of selfish economics."

Alive

He said the bill is being kept alive by "a lobby that lives on the myth that foreign competition is driving them out of business."

Sponsors of the measure point to a 17 per cent growth in imports since the start of the decade and add that the situation is getting worse. They say 29,000 jobs were lost in the textile and apparel industries last year, while textile producers' earnings sank 12 per cent in the first quarter of 1988.

Opponents say the industry already is heavily protected by 1,400 quotas covering 42 countries and that earnings were up 9 per cent last year with 21,000 new jobs created in an industry that is just emerging from a wave of modernisation. They say import restraints would merely trigger retaliation against US exports while raising prices and narrowing consumer choices.

Sen. Ernest F. Hollings has already said that if the override effort fails, he will introduce a new version of the import restrictions next year.

Arco Dubai to launch new drilling programme

ABU DHABI, Oct 4, (KUNA): Arco Dubai Inc. plans to start drilling in a new structure in a 600 square kilometre Dubai concession it shares with British Petroleum (BP). Khaleej Times newspaper reported on Monday.

The Dubai-based paper said the new well, to be spud before year end, will not be far from the Margham field producing condensates.

The paper quoted Gordon L. Galloway, vice-president and resident manager of Arco Dubai, as saying that the Dubai government was being approached for approval.

The new drilling acquires a considerable significance since it will be testing a new geological concept. If the drilling tracks down hydrocarbons in the new location, it will be a major development for other emirates such as Sharjah, Ajman, Umm Al-Qaiwain and even Abu Dhabi, Galloway said.

Arco brought the Margham field into operation, with exports beginning in 1984. Margham has 15 production wells.

Galloway said he hopes that future drilling plans will depend

on the results of the new well. If the findings are positive, "we can do a lot of wells," he was quoted by Khaleej Times as saying.

A number of studies show that new surveys, data trade with the neighbouring operators and induction of new technologies are under way to help chart a drilling schedule for the new year.

"We are at present heavily into seismic and geological data interpretation, and a number of things are likely to give us a lead," he said. But the geology is really complicated in parts of Dubai.

Geologists feel that some major mountain building and erosion episodes have occurred in the region due to the drift of tectonic plates during the past 100 million years. The mountains may have disappeared and the eroded materials may prove to be oil-bearing.

"We are looking for the locations where the hydrocarbon reservoirs might have formed. But the exercise is like looking for a needle in the haystack," Galloway told the paper.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT ON OCT. 4			
B. No.	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
3	Ibn Alathair	KSA	4843130
4	Liao Yang	Motasim	2433881
6	Pan Riser	GH & Q	4747815
8	Tug Amsterdam	G Star	4845501
9	Barge Maryam	G Star	4845501
14	Drago Miresti	Al Sawan	4746018
17	Atlantic Reefer	S. Shaheen	2432692
18	Sparkle Sun	GH & Q	4747815
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT			
ETA	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
4/10	Dhaula Giri	T. Cont.	2436920
4/10	Great Liberty	ISA	2441860
5/10	Mulbera	KMMC	2419814
5/10	Lugoi	Al Sawan	4746018
SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIBA PORT			
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2	Agro Trader	M.A. Bahar	2459891
6	Noblesse	Barwil	4842988
7	Sea Coral	S. Shaheen	2432692
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ETA	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
2/10	Dimitrios	RMSMS	2423642
2/10	Abu Basma	Pearl	2417758
2/10	Tugs Alzora-1 & 2	RMSMS	2423642
8/10	Providence Bay	KMMC	2419814
8/10	Evermore Bloom	ISA	2441860
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S. Korea's GNP expected to double by 1992: Roh

SEOUL, South Korea, Oct 4, (AP): President Roh Tae-Woo said today South Korea's per capita gross national product (GNP) will double to \$6,000 US by 1992, pushing the Asian country into the ranks of the world's advanced nations.

Roh also said South Korea is ready to expand trade and other ties with the Soviet Union and other communist nations and participate in the development of Siberia.

The South Korean President made the points in a speech seeking parliamentary approval for a budget of \$27 billion, up 10.9 per cent from this year.

Roh's one-hour speech to the National Assembly covered economic and political goals the President will pursue during his present single five-year term, which ends in 1992.

"On the strength of the rising international reputation of the nation owing to the Seoul Olympics, as well as of our growing economic power, I am confident that I will be able to ensure that Korea can join the ranks of the

advanced members of the international community during my term of office," he said.

South Korea's exports are expected to grow from \$47.3 billion last year to \$90 billion in 1992, making it one of the 10 largest trading nations in the world, he said.

The rapidly increasing exports will stimulate the South Korean economy to grow at least 8 per cent a year, he said.

South Korea's GNP, estimated at \$118 billion last year and expected to reach \$145 billion this year, will further increase to \$250 billion in 1992, pushing the nation's per capita GNP to the \$6,000 mark, he said.

Projection
GNP is a broad measurement of a country's total output of goods and services.

Owing to continuing trade and current account surpluses, South Korea, which has long been a debtor nation, will become a creditor nation in three years, he said.

South Korea's current

account surplus stood at \$9.78 billion last year and is expected to reach \$12 billion this year, according to government estimates.

Roh also said his government will be able to hold inflation to 7 per cent this year, 2 percentage points above the original projections and take actions to further liberalise imports for a more balanced trade with the United States and other countries.

While stressing the need for strengthened relations with the United States, Japan and the European Economic Community, which absorb 70 per cent of South Korea's exports, Roh said his country will also try to expand links with the Soviet Union and other communist nations.

He especially welcomed a recent statement by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev which indicated Moscow's willingness to broaden economic contact with South Korea. South Korea has trade links with China and trade offices with Hungary and Yugoslavia.

Bank of France co-ordinates rescue of Al Saudi Banque

PARIS, Oct 4, (Reuters): The Bank of France has co-ordinated the rescue of a Paris-based bank which has Middle East connections, Al Saudi Banque SA, after it lost around two billion francs (\$315 million), the French Central Bank said today.

It said in a statement the two billion franc figure included loss from both private and country lending, but it gave no details.

The statement said the Saudi Arabian group Hariri, the main shareholder of Dutch-based Al Saudi Bank Holding NV which in turn had held a 99.9 per cent stake in the Paris bank, had injected funds into it, but did not give the amount.

Funds
It said Banque Indosuez, a unit of Compagnie Financiere De Suez of France, also put in funds and would help manage Al Saudi Banque.

A banking source said Indosuez injected funds via Al Bank Al Saudi Al Fransi, in which it has a 40-per cent stake

and which will now take 42.5 per cent of Al Saudi Banque. Hariri would also have 42.50 per cent, the source added.

Outlines of the rescue were settled at the Central Bank on Monday night after several meetings. A Bank of France spokesman said.

He said 44 French-based creditor banks had backed the operation which would allow Al Saudi to continue its activities.

"Creditors which are not based in France will not lose in this affair and their debts will be honoured," the spokesman added. He declined to detail the foreign creditors involved.

Financing
The banking source said the final 15 per cent of Al Saudi would be held by Batif Banque, a unit of the French state-owned defence and electronics group Thomson SA, which exports heavily to the Middle East.

Officials were not immediately available for comment at either Batif or Thomson.

The French Central Bank's statement today said: "Following meetings held at the Bank of France and aimed at supplementing the necessary financing, an agreement was reached on the contribution of resident creditor banks and the whole banking community in Paris to the rescue operation."

An official at the French Banking Association said the Bank of France was empowered under the 1984 banking law to summon all French-based banks to participate in such a rescue operation.

Another official banking source said 101 non-French-based banks were involved with Al Saudi and would not be required to provide funds under the rescue package.

No official or private banking sources were able to say whether Al Saudi debts would be written off or repaid over an extended period. Nor could they give the exact breakdowns of which banks provided what funds.

Fogs clear but tough decisions remain in opening world trade

ISLAMABAD, Oct 4, (Reuters): Fogs were pretty much wrapped up, safeguards and tariffs looked all right, services made progress but risks remain tough issues and the chances of an "early harvest" on AG look bleak.

In the jargon of international trade talks, that adds up to so far so good. But if the goal of smashing down barriers to world trade is to be achieved, a lot of hard work lies ahead.

After three days of informal talks, ministers from 26 industrial and developing nations were optimistic they had cleared the way for big progress at a major trade ministers' conference in Montreal in December.

Talks
Pakistan Finance Minister Mahbubul Haq, chairman at the talks, was confident after they ended on Monday of a deal in Montreal on opening up world markets to a core list of tropical products from next year.

Lifting the veil on fogs — the functioning of the GATT system — he said there was wide consensus on how to ensure the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade does its job of regulating commerce better.

Ministers agreed that tariffs should be cut across the board by up to 30 per cent and the United States surprised delegates by suggesting the abolition of all barriers to exports from the very poorest countries.

But the two major issues of AG — agriculture and trade related intellectual property safeguards, or TRIPS, remain as far from resolution as ever, said ministers.

Reforming food support and export subsidies out of the world trade system is the US objective, but the European Economic Community appears equally determined to retain support for its farmers.

In the code language of GATT talks, proponents of an end to all subsidies talk of an "early harvest". Their opponents see Montreal as merely a "mid-term review" of the issues.

The gap was illustrated by the public pronouncements of the two main players — US Trade Representative Clayton Yentzer and the European Economic Community's trade negotiator, Willy de Clercq.

"It seems to us the Community is thinking small on the issue," said Yentzer. "The Community is contemplating minor changes that will make a modest contribution to long-term reform but we have in mind something far greater magnitude."

Brussels has made great efforts to adjust its massively expensive measures such as improving tax collection are also needed but are insufficient by themselves," a senior Turkish banker said.

Another banker, Vural Akisik, general manager of Istanbul's Turk Merchant Bank A.S., told Reuters: "The rise in domestic borrowing is an important problem and public sector revenues should be increased to curb the budget deficit and inflation."

Deficit
The budget deficit rose to 1,711 billion lira (\$1.02 billion) in the first seven months of 1988, compared with 651.7 billion (\$389 million) in January-July last year.

Ozal, a conservative who came to office in 1983 after three years of army rule, said last week no big operation to curb inflation was planned. He offered only fine tuning.

Two thirds of the electorate opposed Ozal in a September 25 referendum on changing a minor constitutional article to bring



Richard Burton: philanderer

By Philip Finn

THEIR ranks stretch from presidents, politicians and pastors to film heroes, sports stars and the man next door.

What John F. Kennedy shared with Gary Hart, Steve McQueen, Clark Gable, Richard Burton and countless others, was one common weakness — philandering.

They are, or were, all womanisers; cads who showed little or no respect for the sanctity of the marriage bed.

Their escapades have been well chronicled, if only because of their fame or notoriety.

Author Carol Botwin, a leading authority in America on sexuality and relationships, believes that there are distinct clues in a husband which make it possible to predict that he is the sort of man who will be unfaithful to you in the future.

Among these are his own history of fidelity/infidelity; whether his father had affairs



Steve McQueen: escapist

Men who can't be faithful and... why

Author Carol Botwin, a leading authority in America on sexuality and relationships, thinks she has found the answer in her new book, the products of heart-searching among 75 women whose husbands thought the grass was greener on the other side.

and whether your father cheated on your mother.

A woman who grew up with a father who was unfaithful often chooses a man who will repeat this fashion.

Other clues to look for are that he is in the sort of job that offers opportunity for wanderlust; that he has close con-

tact with other women, either a secretary or a co-worker or even his wife's greatest friend; that he is the sort of man who never feels guilty about anything or that he just does not believe in monogamy.

Recent studies in the US show a staggering 60 to 70 per cent — about 35 million — of

all married men are having affairs.

So what is going wrong? How can a woman keep her man faithful?

Carol Botwin thinks she has found the answer in her new book, *Men Who Can't Be Faithful* — the product of heart-searching among 75 women whose

CAROL BOTWIN has come up with a list of ways a woman can make her marriage affair-proof.

1. Create frequent surprises. Send little notes to each other and surprise gifts. A new image can give a marriage spark.

2. Keep romance alive. A man gets a wandering eye, when the zing goes out of living together. Arrange frequent "dates" with your husband, holding hands, touch him, hug him, tell him how you care.

3. Give sex a high priority. Most couples make love only after all other chores are out of the way. If you want to prevent extramarital sex from looking like a shining alternative to what is going on at home, put aside prime time each week to make love when you are still fresh and can still summon up enthusiasm and imagination.

4. Be especially careful of your relationship when you are pregnant. The moment a woman gets pregnant, her life is also the time her mate may be most tempted to stray because she is so engrossed in preparing for baby. By getting

hidden fears, attitude and feelings out into the open a man can empathise, and the bonds between them can be strengthened.

5. Make sure he gets enough attention after you have children. If he feels shut out or in second place to the children, he could wander. Don't forget your husband, no matter how busy you are with the children.

6. Let him know you appreciate him. A woman must never let her husband feel he is being taken for granted. Frequent statements of affection, caring and esteem from you can keep him from looking for it elsewhere.

7. Address problems as they arise. This really boils down to continued good communication — and a willingness to pose the question: How are we getting along?

8. Watch your weight. Studies indicate infidelity starts to rise when a woman's weight starts piling on the pounds.

9. Be particularly attentive, loving and seductive as he approaches end-of-decade bir-

thdays. Milestones like 30, 40, 50 and even 60, are times when men take stock of their marriages. Sometimes they cop out by having an affair.

10. Make sure you spend enough time together. Research shows some couples spend less than one per cent of their leisure time together. One way to get closer is to turn off the TV once or twice a week have a chat, or go for a hand-in-hand stroll together.

11. Support him at times of job-related stress. A man under attack at work could feel his masculinity being tested. He may see extramarital sex as a release valve, but not if his wife is particularly supportive, making him feel he is still very special.

12. Keep in close emotional and physical contact in transitional times. This is particularly important if you are moving home or changing jobs.

13. Keep recharging your sexual batteries. You can do this by lots of hugs, kisses, pretending to be two different people, rediscovering the best qualities in each other.



John F. Kennedy: womaniser

husbands thought the grass was greener on the other side. It looks set to make her the most sought-after woman in America once it is published.

Miss Botwin, who is happily married to a psychiatrist, says it was a wrenching study.

Misery

"The amount of infidelity and the misery it causes women, became more and more apparent to me over the years," she says.

"Women I spoke to kept bringing up the issues of infidelity. I could see the pain on their faces."

"In my workshops for people who want to improve their relationships, I found distraught women grappling with husbands in affairs and with unfaithful boyfriends."

"And, as an advice columnist, with each new batch of mail that arrives, I am reminded again and again of the extent of male infidelity and the hell it puts women through."



Gary Hart: unfaithful



Fact and reality: the emperor's widow (right) and the empress portrayed in Bertolucci's film

The last empress remembers

By Louise Branson, Peking

IN a dilapidated backstreet in Peking, a frail old woman sits alone in a cramped apartment under a portrait of Pu Yi, the last Chinese emperor, who ruled almost half the world's population before being overthrown by the turmoil of the early 20th century.

Li Shuhshien, 63, the widow and fifth wife of The Son of Heaven, who ascended to the Dragon Throne in 1908 and ended up as a gardener after the communist revolution, has been living in obscurity for many years. But now she is caught up in a wave of nostalgia for China's imperialist past.

Thousands are queuing to see *The Last Emperor* the film that portrays the life and extraordinary times of her husband, who died in 1967. The Chinese have become fascinated with their pre-revolution past, enveloped for so long in a fog of Marxist revisionism.

Li is quietly satisfied by the attention being lavished on Pu Yi's memory. But she is dissatisfied with the accuracy of parts of Bernardo Bertolucci's film.

Her husband, she says, was important all his life. And she added that Mao Tse-tung, for all his egalitarian zeal, was so awed by the former emperor that he invited him to dinner at Zhongnanhai, China's Kremlin, when Pu Yi was released from prison in 1959.

Mao ordered Chou En-lai, the premier, to take personal responsibility for Pu Yi. The result was that Chou arranged for him to be transferred from transplanting seedlings in the

As thousands flock to see Bernardo Bertolucci's acclaimed film in China, Li Shuhshien, 63, the widow of Pu Yi, the Last Emperor of China, recalls life with her husband.

Botanical Gardens in Peking to a comfortable job as a historical researcher. He also had him moved from his single room in a worker's hostel to a spacious 10-room house.

Chou was himself the revolutionary offspring of an aristocratic family and was fascinated with Pu Yi's ideological volte-face. The leadership's concern with Pu Yi was not merely sentimental; it saw the propaganda value of making the emperor a model communist. Every Chinese new year, Chou invited the former Lord of Ten Thousand Tears to his house for dinner.

He also arranged for special treatment for his impotence and even found him a wife. Li Shuhshien, a nurse 20 years his junior, was the eleventh woman to whom Pu Yi was introduced in 1962.

"People told him he shouldn't be so picky because he wasn't an emperor anymore," she said. They married three months later, but Pu Yi's impotence remained and he was unable to father the children he had always wanted.

She says now that Pu Yi opened up sparkling new horizons for her. He took her out most nights, to the opera or to dance at the cultural work-

ers' club. He confided to her that his previous marriages were all arranged and were devoid of the love he had found with Li. "He told me that with me he found the warmth of a family which he had never known, growing up as a distant god revered by everyone around him," she said.

This account contrasts with those of outsiders, who said that Li was a shrew who nagged him mercilessly.

The interest felt by Mao, Chou and other leaders has now found an echo across China as people have become fascinated by the Bertolucci film. Chinese television is showing a rival account of his life, and criticism of the Last Emperor is plentiful.

But, beneath it all, the film appeals to a burgeoning interest in traditions that Mao unsuccessfully tried to stamp out. One of Li's most painful memories is of the time Mao's Red Guards ransacked her house during the Cultural Revolution in the late 1960s to remove anything that smacked the "four olds": old ideas, old customs, old habits and old culture.

And as Pu Yi lay dying of cancer in hospital, the Red Guards forced his removal from a private room to a public ward, where painkilling injections ceased.

But Li said her husband had a humble attitude to the ruling communists. One of his most valuable possessions had been a photograph of himself and Mao taken at their dinner which showed them both grinning broadly. The photo, like so many of China's past, was destroyed during the Cultural Revolution.

The ABC of dental care

Get your teeth into shape for a super smile

Your mouth isn't something to separate your nose from your chin. It is one of the most important parts of your body...used for eating, talking and looking good. So does yours do you justice?

By Orlaith Carmody

MENTION the word dentist or toothache in a room full of people and the reaction among most of them will be the same. They shudder slightly, go a delicate shade of green and then, when they have recovered from the shock, begin to compare notes on how long it has been since they got their teeth checked!

It is strange the aversion we all have to taking care of our teeth, when they are actually among the most important equipment the body has.

Without them we couldn't break up the food we need to survive, we couldn't form words properly and our faces would be a lot less attractive than they are.

It isn't natural for teeth to decay and fall out towards middle age, as a lot of people think. Teeth are designed to last as long as you do!

It is only through neglect and eating the wrong foods that problems occur leading to fillings, caps and other dental work.

Caring properly for your teeth is a habit that has to be cultivated. It takes time and interest but the results are well worth the effort.

Imagine being able to say in that room of shuddering people, that the only thing you do on your healthy teeth. And he won't be the only one. Your beautiful smile will be noticed everywhere you go.

To understand why you should care for your teeth you have to understand exactly how teeth decay and other dental problems start. They are directly connected to your diet.

Sugar is the chief enemy of teeth. It causes an acid to form in the mouth which may only

take seconds to appear but takes at least 20 minutes to disappear. This acid attacks the enamel on the teeth causing them to decay.

Frequency of sugar intake causes problems rather than the total amount, as taking small sugary snacks continuously throughout the day keeps the teeth bathed in acid most of the time. This is especially harmful to children's teeth which are softer and more vulnerable than adults.

To improve the chances your teeth have of surviving past middle age, you have to cut down on sugar in all its forms — not just the sugar you can physically see and which you put in your tea or on your cereal. Cakes, biscuits, sweets, jams, soft drinks and a lot of convenience foods contain far more sugar than you need.

If you find that you can't cut out sweet foods altogether, try to contain your consumption of them to meal times. By doing this you are eating sweet things only once or twice a day and not throughout the day.

This applies to the children too. Instead of buying them sweets while at the shops let them look forward to a treat after their evening meal. And follow it with a piece of fruit or an instruction to clean their teeth.

Care

Another way to care for your family's teeth is to cut down on the sugar you use while cooking. Most recipes suggest that you use a lot more sugar than you actually need. Where a recipe says eight ounces (200g), try using four for a change. In no time at all your palate will have adjusted to less sugar in everything you eat until it gets to the stage where you hate things that are sweet.

Although correcting your



Caring properly for your teeth is a habit that has to be cultivated. It takes time and interest but the results are well worth the effort.

diet is the first way to help your teeth, dental hygiene comes a close second. This means devoting time to your teeth everyday to see that they are cleaned thoroughly and that every trace of plaque has been removed.

Start off your new plan of action with a good hard look at your toothbrush. Squashed, splayed out bristles are useless when it comes to cleaning your teeth because you think you are doing the job when nothing is happening at all.

On the other hand if your brush is still in perfect condition after a year you are obviously not using it enough. Care, not force is what gets teeth clean!

Choose a brush that has bristles of several lengths — they are far better at reaching the different levels of your teeth which are not flat to start with. Nylon bristles with round heads are the type dentists recommend, not natural bristle which is inclined to be too soft.

Choose medium bristles, if they are too hard you can scratch the gum but if they are too soft, not enough plaque will be removed. Make sure that the head of the brush is not too large for your mouth or it will not reach the awkward corners. A tiny interspace brush is useful

in addition to your normal brush for just this reason.

Last thing at night is probably the best time to work on your teeth because you won't have a bus to catch or children to get off to school. One good cleaning a day is far better for your teeth than three superficial brushings.

Start with your brush and usual toothpaste, spending time working over the entire mouth and paying attention to the gum margins, backs of the teeth, behind and between the back teeth and molars. Try to remember not to wet your brush before you start. It only softens the bristles and reduces their effectiveness.

Use only a tiny amount of toothpaste. Manufacturers are inclined to run advertisements showing people spreading toothpaste from one end of the brush to the other. This creates an excess of foam which means that the brush is only sliding around your teeth and not actually cleaning them.

Next use an interspace brush to work at the crevices and difficult spots. Do both the front and back of each tooth. Use dental floss to remove the plaque between the teeth but be careful — it can cause gum damage if used too roughly.

After giving yourself the

works in this way for about a week, buy some plaque revealing tablets to test how well you are doing. These are harmless temporary dyes which stain the plaque so that you can see exactly where it is.

If you use them several times a month you will be able to see how you are improving your brushing technique.

Plaque is made up of bacteria which builds up on the teeth, particularly around the gum margin. These bacteria find the warm wet conditions of the mouth ideal for prolific growth.

It is recognised by a furry feeling on the teeth, most noticeable early in the morning. Incidentally, bacteria can grow on the tongue as well as on the teeth so it too could benefit from a stimulating brushing every now and then. If bacteria is not removed it causes tooth decay or gum disease.

If the bacteria in plaque is left on the teeth for any time it reacts with any food eaten to form the harmful acid that destroys tooth enamel. Gum disease is caused in a similar way.

If plaque is left on the teeth it will harden or calcify, penetrating the gum, causing inflammation and bleeding and even causing the gum to recede in some cases.

The first symptoms of gum disease are a slight reddening of the gums and bleeding when you brush your teeth or bite something hard. Eventually the bone structure that holds the teeth in the jaw is affected causing teeth to fall out.

Eating the right food and cleaning your teeth properly are two of the three ways to ensure that your teeth remain bright, gleaming and your own until you are 95. The third way is the twice-yearly visit to the dentist. It is necessary if you want to catch small cavities in time to prevent them from growing into fully-fledged jaw-breaking toothaches.

Make an appointment now to visit your dentist and while you are there tell him to contact you in six months' time to remind you when your next visit is due!

Exercising female bones

By David Lindley

FOR elderly but otherwise healthy women, the fragility of their bones is a constant and sometimes life-threatening danger. It is well known that after the menopause a woman's bones begin to deteriorate sharply, losing mass and strength.

Now two researchers from Pennsylvania State University have evidence that the severity of bone loss in later life is mostly determined by skeletal development during a girl's teenage years, and are hoping to come up with recommendations for diet and exercise which will minimize the hazards of old age.

Menopause

Bones are not stable, but are constantly being broken down and rebuilt throughout a person's life in a continuous cycle of loss and regeneration. In women, the ability of the body to remake sound bones is closely linked to the level of oestrogen, the female sex hormone.

After the menopause the oestrogen level falls, and the body

loses much of its ability to counteract gradual bone loss, which continues as before.

This phenomenon, osteoporosis, is signalled by a general deterioration and greater fragility of the bones.

Hard exercise and a low-fat high-fibre diet both tend to reduce oestrogen levels, and can lead to menstrual irregularity. As an extreme example, some female marathon runners suffer from amenorrhoea.

The teenage gymnasts who dominate the Olympics often begin menstruating late, and are irregular once they start.

But marathon runners and teenage gymnasts are hardly a large or representative sample of women. A study conducted by Dr Tom Lloyd and Dr James Buchanan of Pennsylvania State University, published in the *Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology*, set out to look for relationships between diet, exercise, oestrogen level (as measured by menstrual regularity) and bone density in young women.

Lloyd and Buchanan compared young women who did

not exercise with college athletes who ran, cycled or took aerobic classes regularly. For both athletes and non-athletes in their teens, those who missed one third or more of their periods had measurably lower bone density.

In previous research, Lloyd, Buchanan and others found that bone density is highest in women before they reach 20, and begins to fall off afterwards, so girls who are irregular in their teens are more likely to suffer from osteoporosis much later on in life.

"Among athletic women, the picture is not yet clear. For those who menstruate regularly, exercise is a benefit, and the athletes had a higher bone density. But a woman who exercises enough to cause menstrual irregularity usually has lower bone density than someone who does not exercise."

Exercise
The amount of exercise that triggers menstrual irregularity varies enormously. In a group of 10 women who run 20 miles a week, two might become irregular, but another two might be capable of running 100 miles with no problems.

The influence of diet adds further complications. For reasons not understood, dietary fibre tends to reduce the oestrogen level, while fat raises it. A high-fibre, low-fat diet is undoubtedly good for helping to prevent heart disease and breast cancer, but may be bad for one's bones.

Lloyd and Buchanan are continuing their study, hoping to find ways of determining a sensible and healthy combination of diet and exercise. From the results they have now, Lloyd says that swimming looks like a good choice, because it develops bodily strength but, unlike long-distance running, encourages a sensible proportion of body fat, which is good for the oestrogen balance.

Lloyd also emphasizes that women older than 20 should not be discouraged into thinking the course of their old age is already fixed.



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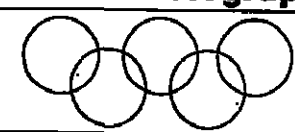
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Saints edge Cowboys in final seconds

NEW ORLEANS, Oct 4, (AP) — Morten Andersen's 49-yard field goal as time ran out last night gave the New Orleans Saints a 20-17 victory over the Dallas Cowboys.

Andersen's winning kick came after Dallas' Roger Ruzek — who earlier had missed a 39-yard field goal that hit the goal post — connected from 39-yards out with 24 seconds to go to tie it 17-17. The Cowboys went 43 yards on eight plays to set up the kick.

But Saint Mel Gray returned the ensuing kickoff 39 yards to his 42. Bobby Hebert hit Brett Perriman with a 26-yard pass to the 32nd yardline, setting up Andersen's kick.

Field

Hebert threw two early touch-down passes and Andersen kicked a 27-yard third-quarter field goal for the Saints, only to see Steve Pelluer and Herschel Walker lead Dallas back.

The win, the fourth straight after an opening game loss for New Orleans, was only its second ever in 13 meetings with Dallas and its first since Oct 17, 1971. It moved the Saints into a three-way tie for first in the National Football Conference West, with San Francisco and the Los Angeles Rams.

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Real set to reach second round

MADRID, Oct 4, (Reuter): Real Madrid, recovering the form which made them the most feared team in Europe a year ago, have the perfect opportunity to add to their growing confidence tomorrow when they meet Norwegian champions Moss in a European Cup first round second leg tie.

On a night of 49 ties in the three European club soccer competitions, the Spanish champions' trip to northern Europe is hardly the most spectacular match in prospect as they travel to Scandinavia armed with a 3-0 advantage from the first leg in Spain two weeks ago.

Given

But, in the absence of holders PSV Eindhoven of the Netherlands, who were given a first round bye, and Italian champions AC Milan, who play on Thursday, it is one of the most significant as the star-studded Spanish team embark on their familiar bid for a record seventh Champions' Cup triumph.

A month ago, at the start of the Spanish League campaign, Real appeared to be struggling following the mid-summer arrival of West German midfielder Bernd Schuster from rivals Barcelona ... and doubts began to creep in about the overall quality of the team.

A series of consistently improving performance have dispelled all that, however, and last Sunday, orchestrated by the unpredictable and often wayward genius of Schuster, Real Madrid beat Real Oviedo 3-1, international striker Emilio Butragueno proving his personal return to form after a dismal showing in the finals of the European Championship in June, by scoring twice.

Butragueno, Mexican 'Hugo Sanchez and Schuster now combine to offer a tantalising prospect in the Real attack which should have little trouble in completing a very comfortable aggregate victory to secure a place in the second round.

Neutrals will hope the succeeding draws in the competition will not pair Real with Milan, who will be without Dutch international captain Rens Veenendaal for their tie against Vitosha Sofia of Bulgaria on Thursday.

Gullit is still recovering from an ankle injury but fellow-Dutchmen Marco van Basten and Frank Rijkaard will play in a Milan team which will not be announced until midfielder Alberigo Evani and striker Antonio Virdis report back from Olympic duties. Milan lead 2-0 from the first leg.

Real and Milan are likely to be



Butragueno

joined by the 1986 Champions' Cup winners Steaua Bucharest, who start their second leg tie against Sparta Prague in Romania with a 5-1 advantage, and 1987 winners Porto of Portugal, who travel to HJK Helsinki with a 3-0 lead.

Further evidence of Eastern Europe's growing soccer strength, following the Soviet Union's success in the Olympic tournament, is likely to be offered by Spartak Moscow, Gornik



Sanchez

Zabrze and Red Star Belgrade. Spartak travel to Glentoran of Northern Ireland with a 2-0 lead for protection and Gornik to Jeunesse Esch of Luxembourg with a 3-0 advantage while Red Star, 5-0 up from the first leg, are at home to Dundalk of Ireland.

In the UEFA Cup, the most exciting tie could be in Amsterdam where struggling Ajax attempt to recover a 4-2 deficit against Sporting Lisbon.

Argentine World Cup-winning captain Diego Maradona's Napoli do not play until Thursday when visit Paok Salonika in Greece to defend a 1-0 first leg lead.

night at Glasgow Celtic.

Celtic, European Cup winners in 1967, trail 1-0 from the first leg and are struggling for form, but always rise to the big European occasions at Celtic Park.

The Scottish champions will include 36-year-old former international Alan Rough in goal but will be without injured midfielder Tommy Burns.

In the Cup Winners' Cup, holders Mechelen of Belgium, having trounced Beggen of Luxembourg 8-1 on aggregate, are already awaiting the second round draw.

Defending

Johan Cruyff's Barcelona, 2-0 up against Fram Reykjavik of Iceland and playing well in the Spanish League, should join them together with Belgium's Anderlecht, 3-1 up against Metz of France and East Germany's Karl Zeiss Jena, defending a 2-0 advantage against Kremis in Austria.

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Four Europeans seeded in world matchplay

LONDON, Oct 4, (Reuter): Europe's leading four players were named as the seeds and given first round byes when the draw was made today for the 25th World Matchplay Golf Championship beginning at Westworth on Thursday.

Defending champion Ian Woosnam of Britain, British Open champion Seve Ballesteros of Spain, US Masters champion Sandy Lyle and 1987 British Open champion Nick Faldo, were seeded 1-4 and will not have to play their opening matches until Friday.

Woosnam's opponent will be the winner of Thursday's 36 hole first round clash between US PGA champion Jeff Sluman and unheralded Japanese Nobuo Serizawa.

Mark McCumber of the United States, the US Tournament Players champion, will

face European Tour stalwart Mark McNulty of Zimbabwe on Thursday for the dubious privilege of tangling with Ballesteros in Friday's quarterfinals.

Nick Price of Zimbabwe, who ran Ballesteros so close in the British Open at Royal Lytham in July, will face Australian Rodger Davis with the winner going through to play Lyle.

The full draw:

Bye — Ian Woosnam (Britain), Jeff Sluman (US) v Nobuo Serizawa (Japan).

Bye — Nick Faldo (Britain), Joey Sindelar (US) v Barry Lane (Britain).

Bye — Sandy Lyle (Britain), Nick Price (Zimbabwe) v Rodger Davis (Australia).

Bye — Seve Ballesteros (Spain), Mark McCumber (US) v Mark McNulty (Zimbabwe).

Werbeniuk may have to quit

LONDON, Oct 4, (Reuter): Canadian Bill Werbeniuk may be forced to retire from top-level snooker for his use of a banned beta-blocker without which he says he cannot play.

Werbeniuk, 41, was fined £2,000 at the weekend by the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA)

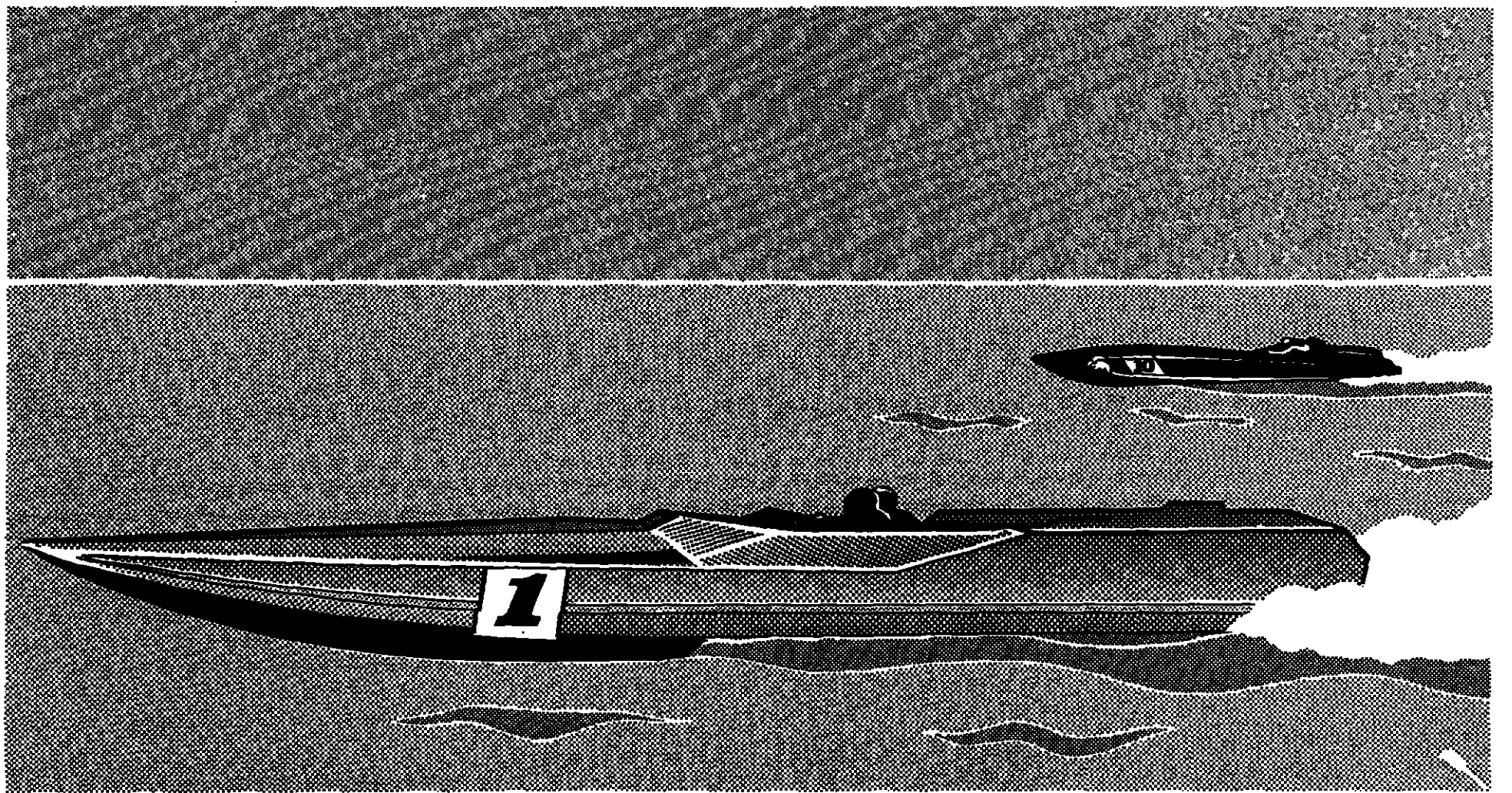
and banned from major tournaments for using the drug.

The 280-pound (127 kg) Canadian sometimes drinks between 30 and 40 pints (17 to 23 litres) of beer a day to combat a hereditary tremor in his cue arm. He said he needed a beta-blocker named Inderal to slow an increased heart beat caused by the large quantities of beer.

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Haider takes Galaxy past Casuals

A DEPLETED Casuals team, missing seven regulars, were heavily beaten by Galaxy cricketers in the first round of the Pat Keely Cup at Ahmadi on Thursday.

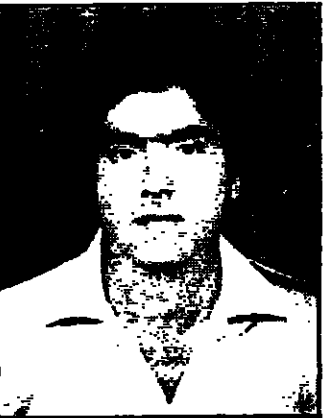
Galaxy batted first and initially found the going tough against the pace of Anderson who began with three overs for just two runs. Openers Rana (47) and Raza (39) struggled against Snowden's variation and were fortunate on several occasions.

Changes

It seemed Casuals could make a match of it until they were forced to bowling changes. Opening bat Wells (2 for 65) was surprised to be called for his first ever spell for Casuals and had to watch Haider (71 no) lash out at his efforts. The Galaxy score raced away at this point and even the recall of the opening bowlers could not stem the tide. Galaxy amassed 198 runs in their allotted overs.

In reply, Casuals suffered an early setback as Tudball (11) went in the first over. With Snowden unwell, Casuals were already through to their tail. Wells (25) tried to attack and Hodgson (25) weighed in with a typically useful contribution, but Casuals did not have the weight of batting to worry the opposition. Qamar (3 for 23) and Waheed (2 for 9) with Riaz (2 for 7) managed to keep Casuals down to 98 for 8.

QMCC edge Royal for final



Rana: scored 85

QUAID-E-MILLAT Cricket Club moved into the final of the Millat Trophy with a 11-run victory over Royal Club at the Airport ground on Friday.

QMCC, batting first, were able to score 168 for the loss of seven wickets in the 25 allotted overs. Ashraf Rana was in terrific form hammering five boundaries in his 85 while Raza hit 24.

For Royal, Maqsood bowled extremely well to take four wickets.

Accurate

In reply, Royal found things not to their liking as they ran into accurate bowling from the QMCC bowlers and could manage only 157 runs for the loss of nine wickets before their overs ran out.

Sajjad was the top scorer with 44 and he got some good support from Qayyum who hit 35.

Ishaq was the main wicket-taker with four scalps while Rana, Haider, Jamil and Ansar got a wicket each.

CURRENT OVERCOMES RENEBERG

Pernfors crushes Muller



Current: had a difficult game

Tourists' last 3-day match drawn

Saeed hits Aussies for ton

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, Oct 4, (Reuters): Australia's last three-day match of their Pakistan tour ended in a listless draw against a North West Frontier Province Governor's XI today.

The tourists, who also drew the previous two three-day games, were frustrated by the local side's young left-hand middle-order batsman Saeed Anwar who hit a sparkling 127 on the final day.

Agreed

The game ended an hour before the planned close with the Governor's XI 343 for seven in reply to Australia's first innings of 472 for eight declared. The captains agreed to forego the final 20 overs.

When the Governor's XI resumed at 115 for three, needing

208 to avoid a follow-on, the visitors were clearly hoping to wrap up the innings and gain more practice for Friday's third and final Test at Lahore which they must win to square the series.

But Saeed, who hit 23 fours, made the Australians toil hard on a heartless pitch for scant reward.

He found a willing ally in Anil Dalpat (51) and the pair put on 121 for the fifth wicket at a run a minute.

Craig McDermott was the best of Australian bowlers with three for 126 from 26 overs.

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA first innings 472 for eight declared (G. Marsh 106, P. Taylor 83, G. Wood 70, D. Boon 65, B. Jones 60)

GOVERNOR'S XI first innings

(overnight 115 for three)
Babar Zaman c Marsh b McDermott 0
Basit Ali b McDermott 39
Zahoor Elahi b Wang 19
Shamkat Mirza run out 38
Saeed Anwar c Veletta b Sleep 127
Anil Dalpat b McDermott 51
Iqbal Sikander not out 28
Zakir Khan c Wood b Sleep 0
Masood Anwar not out 22
Extras (nb-14 b-1 lb-4) 19
Total (for seven wickets) 343

Fall of wickets: 1-12-42 3-75 4-145 5-266 6-307 7-397

Did not bat: Ejaz Fakih, Farrukh Zaman.

Bowling: McDermott 26-5-126-3, Wang 15-4-51-1, Taylor 24-7-62-4, Sleep 15-1-78-2, Jones 9-3-21-0. Result: match drawn.

Johnson's test results manipulated, says coach

TORONTO, Oct 4, (Reuters): Ben Johnson's coach said today the sprinter's drug test results at the Olympics can only be attributed to someone tampering with the testing process.

Coach Charlie Francis, in seclusion since Johnson was stripped of his gold medal for using banned anabolic steroids last week, said, "Such a test result defies all logic and, in my opinion, can only be explained by a deliberate manipulation of the testing process."

Francis's statement, issued by his lawyer, did not go into further detail.

He will testify before a Canadian government inquiry into the scandal.

Johnson, who denies ever taking banned drugs, was to make a statement in Toronto late this afternoon.

The Jamaican-born sprinter had to give up his 100-metre dash gold medal and left the Games in disgrace after tests found traces of the banned drug stanozolol in his urine.

Meanwhile Johnson was quoted today as saying he was

finished and might never run the 100 metres again.

The West German magazine Stern, which interviewed Johnson shortly after he returned to Canada last week following his sensational expulsion from the Seoul Olympics, said he wavered between despondency and defiance over his turn in fortune.

But later, Johnson again rejected the Olympic testing laboratory's finding that he took an anabolic steroid to improve his performance and said he was determined to restore his reputation.

"I didn't take anything," Johnson said.

A Stern spokeswoman said the magazine had not paid Johnson for interview. She said Johnson at first agreed to an exclusive interview then changed his mind in favour of giving his story to Canadian public (in the Toronto Sun newspaper).

Johnson said that after the drugs test he felt "like I got smacked in the head. Totally in shock when I found out. But it really hurt me when mom cried on the flight home."

BAAB backs Christie over drug test

LONDON, Oct 4, (Reuters): Britain's 100 metres silver medalist Linford Christie was given the total support of the British Amateur Athletic Board (BAAB) today over his "so-called positive drug test" during the Seoul Olympics.

"We fully accept the statement made by Christie, accepted finally by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) medical committee and subsequently by the full international committee," a BAAB statement said, adding it gave the athlete "its 100 per cent backing."

Christie finished fourth in the 200 metres in Seoul but traces of ephedrine, a banned substance, were found in his urine sample.

He was cleared by the Olympic medical committee after a lengthy hearing during which he said he had drunk a tea made from the herb ginseng and was unaware it contained ephedrine.

The BAAB statement said the small amounts of the drug found in Christie's urine sample were those that would be found in every day cough cures.

early on (in my career) from being an aggressive player. In the last couple of weeks I've tried to rekindle that."

Berger rallied from a 1-4 deficit in the first set to tie Grabb, but Grabb won the tiebreaker.

Current struggled against Renberg, a fellow Texan.

"I felt like I was in control the first set, but he took all the momentum away in the second," Current said afterward. "I was lucky to get back in there."

"He kept me off balance."

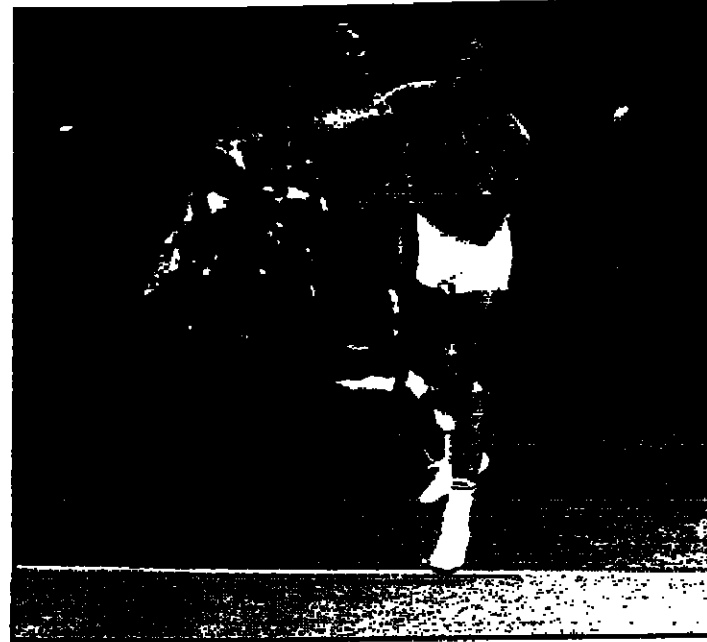
After Current took a 2-1 lead in the third set, Renberg tied it four times but was unable to move ahead.

In another match, No. 8 seed Derrick Rostagno rolled past Brad Pearce 6-3, 6-4.

In other matches, Piet Aldrich got by Patrick McEnroe, the youngest brother of John McEnroe, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2. Pete Sampras advanced by downing Jim Courier, 6-3, 6-1. David Pate defeated Jaime Yzaga, 6-1, 6-3, and Tobias Svantesson fended off Todd Witsken, 7-6 (7-2), 6-4.

First round singles play was to continue today with top seed Brad Gilbert facing Glenn Layendecker.

Doubles play was also to open today.



Bushnaq: fought back for victory

Bushnaq tames Ali for quarterfinals

SALEH BUSHNAQ reached the quarterfinals of 3rd Tennis Open, being organised by the Ministry of Electricity and Water at the Ramada Al Salam Hotel, on Monday evening.

Bushnaq fought back after losing the first set 3-6 to Mohammed Ali in the men's singles to win the other two 6-3 6-2 and reach the last eight.

Bushnaq joins Waleed Al Banna, Khalid Hussein Rashid, Khalid Ashkanani, Fareed Al Awadi, Bassam Al Hajri, Hashim Fairouz and Aiman Al Ashwak in the quarterfinals.

Contrasting

Khalid Hussein Rashid got a walkover but the others scored contrasting victories. Bassam had to fight hard in his 4-6-7-6-4 victory over Glen Kawi Shaw, Fareed Al Awadi thrashed Yousef Al Shamlan 6-2 6-0, Hashim Fairouz overcame Subhi Al Gharabally 6-1 3-6 7-6, Aiman Al Ashwak blasted Hassan Gobani 6-0 6-0 and Waleed Al Banna outplayed Hamad Al Mohanna 1-6 6-2 6-1.

Hussein Al Ashwak qualified for the final of the under-12 group with a 6-1 6-2 victory over Fahad Al Ibrahim. Hussein's opponent will be Michael Khawata who overcame Khalid Jamal Al Gharabally 6-2 7-6.

Waleed Al Banna, who reached the men's singles quarterfinals, has also qualified for the under-18 singles final along with Aiman Al Ashwak.

In the ladies singles Alia Al Moataz brushed aside Shareefa Al Humaidi 6-0 6-2. Afaf Kayid routed Gada Barakat 6-0 6-0 and Dr Joe Candy was awarded a

WBC plans

MEXICO CITY, Oct 4, (Reuters): The World Boxing Council (WBC) said yesterday it plans to organise a Latin American protest over what it claims was "flagrant discrimination" against the region's boxers during the Seoul Olympics.

A statement from the council, which sanctions only professional fights, said representatives from Latin America's boxing federations will meet in Mexico City at the end of the month to discuss a possible protest among other issues.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Paul Davis

LONDON, Oct 4, (UPI): The English Football Association today declined to reveal its decision on whether to bar Arsenal midfielder Paul Davis from England selection in the wake of his League ban for punching an opponent.

Women's tennis

NEW ORLEANS, Oct 4, (Reuters): Susan Sloane eliminated her best friend Halle Cioffi from the \$250,000 New Orleans women's tennis tournament yesterday and Monica Seles of Yugoslavia, playing in just her third tournament, also won a first-round battle of teenagers.

Agassi withdraws

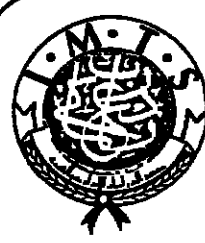
BASLE, Switzerland, Oct 4, (Reuters): Top seeded American Andre Agassi has withdrawn from the Basle Grand Prix tennis tournament which started today due to injury.

World champion

OSLO, Oct 4, (UPI): World 10,000 metres champion Ingrid Kristiansen, who dropped out after 2,400 metres of the Olympic 10,000 with a foot injury, had to abort an ectopic pregnancy just seven weeks before the Seoul Games, Norwegian newspaper Verdens Gang reported yesterday.

Zambians honoured

LUSAKA, Zambia, Oct 4, (AP): President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia today bestowed national honours on competitors and officials who recently returned from the Olympic Games in Seoul.



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Unity score 7-run win over Union

UNITY CRICKETERS struggled to score a 7-run victory over Union Cricket Club in a Malhotra Trophy match at the New Ground on Friday morning.

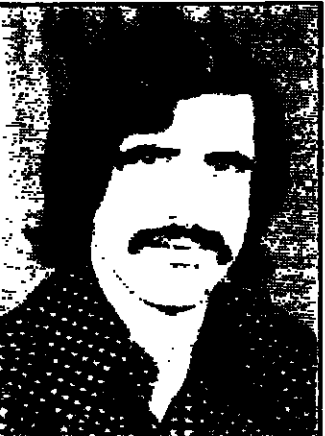
Batting first, Unity scored 168 for the loss of six wickets in 28 overs. Ejaz was the top scorer with 75 while Dawood hit 24, Rafiq 25 and Denzil 15.

For Union, Irshad and Jamil were the main wicket-takers with two wickets each for 25 and 29 runs respectively.

In reply, Union were only able to score 140 for the loss of seven wickets in 25 overs before the match was stopped. As Unity had scored 147 at the same stage in their innings, they were declared winners by seven runs.

Shehzad Senior was the highest scorer for Union with 47 while Abid hit 28, Saeed 17 and Mehboob 16. Dawood took three wickets for 25 while Rafiq Butt got two for 18.

There were three other matches held on the same day. In the first, KIFCO thrashed Morning



Sher Afzal: unbeaten 79

Star by nine wickets, in the second Falcon scored a similar victory over Kokan and in the last game Bright Stars shocked a strong Starline squad by 32 runs.

Morning Star failed to find an answer to some accurate bowling from Mansoor Khan (three for 34), Shahid Butt (two for 44),



Arshad Shams: four sixes

Rashid Ansari (two for 10) and Rifat Khan (two for three) and were all out for 93.

In reply KIFCO got the required runs for the loss of only one wicket. Arshad Shams was in brilliant form, hitting four sixes in his 50 while Tariq scored 36. It was a similar story in the

Falcon-Kokan match. Kokan, batting first, scored 173 in 30 overs. Javed Kaloo hit 41, Ibrahim 32, Majid 29 and Zakaria 18. Mushaq took five wickets for 34, Amin got two for 18 and Tariq two for 23.

Sher Afzal, with an unbeaten 79, and Zahid Butt (64) found the going easy and took Falcon past the victory target in 20 overs. Amin remained unbeaten on 32.

In the last match, Bright Stars ran up a total of 211 for the loss of only six wickets in 28 overs. Zulqarnain hammered 74 with the help of seven fours and two sixes while Mohammed Ali scored 24, Robin 26, Aslam 20 and Arun 15.

Tough

Sohail took two wickets for 40 and Shehzad two for 38.

Starline found the going tough and could only manage to score 179 for five. Arifhit 51, Maqsood 26, Ilyas 23 and Zagar an unbeaten 27. Robin took three wickets for 31 while Ahmed got two for 41.

RESULTS of the Regency Palace Bridge Club game played on Sunday evening:

N/S
1. Magdi Mostari & Gregory Latela
2. Nabil Akel & Peter Harris
3. Wilma Al Khadra & Adly Tash E/W

1. Sagor & Gajjar
2. Sand & Adham
3. Harrison & Nash
Results of the Messilah Ladies Bridge Club game played on Monday afternoon:

1. Jamila Akel & Margaret Rob-Whitaker
2. Nabil Akel & Lily Akel Al Joudi
3. Khawla Rizk & Rabab Aboushi

The Messilah Ladies Bridge Club will hold its games every Monday at 3.30 pm.

Results of the Dumbill Bridge Competition held at the Hilton Hotel on Monday:

1. Mukherjee & Dresler
2. Rita & Mahdhat
3. Sherin & Dr Mostari E/W
1. Desmond & Peter
2. Mrs Pereira & Mr D'Souza
3. Sagor & Gajjar

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